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Penguin pals

Readers are right in guessing this isn't a Highlands scene, but that is Minden resident Adam Bathe lounging amongst the penguins in Antarctica. The 18-year-old high school student and his fellow traveller Ryan Sisson have just returned from a trip into the white continent. For a feature about their truly amazing adventures, see page 14. Their photos are on pages 15 and 16.

LKO and developers to meet this week over Deer Point condominium concerns

ERIK MARTENSSON

Staff Reporter

The developers of the proposed Deer Point condominium development will be meeting with both the municipality and the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization (LKO) this week in an effort to come to an agreement on the planned development of the former Deer Lodge property.

The meeting is an attempt to address the many concerns the LKO has expressed with the proposed project slated for the northeast shores of Lake Kashagawigamog.

"If you know the lake and you know that section of the lake there are a lot of things that I think have to be ironed out before this thing goes ahead," says LKO President Peter Oyler. "It's not just the

developer. There are issues which are tri-fold with respect to our concerns and the municipality has some responsibilities to live up to here, too. It's not just the proponents for the development."

The proposed Deer Point project would see the construction of 63 townhouse units housed in four buildings on the six-and-a-half acre property. Three of the three-level buildings will house 15 units and the fourth will contain 18 units. The units will range in size from 1,100 square feet to 1,645 square feet and in price from \$189,000 to \$349,000.

The developer has noted interest in the development is quite good and feels the need in the community for this kind of housing is great.

The developer hopes to start construction of the project this Spring if all the

required approvals are met in the near future. Going into this week's negotiations, the developers have indicated that they feel the concerns of the LKO can be met and that from their point of view the lake belongs to the Lake Kashagawigamog owners.

"Whatever it takes to make them happy, we'll make them happy," says the project's realtor Linda Beachli.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey is also optimistic that a compromise can be reached with regard to the LKO's concerns.

"I think that there are some concerns that are valid and I think the developer is conscious of those and I hope that can be resolved."

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VON pulls its nurses out of Haliburton County

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

With losses of \$20,000 a month, the VON has decided to pull its homecare nurses out of Haliburton and Victoria Counties rather than risk the downfall of the entire Peterborough branch.

"It was a terrible, terrible decision to have to make but we can't continue to absorb the loss," says Karen Guy, executive director of the Victorian Order of Nurses' Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton branch. "It just kills us."

What makes the decision so hard on everyone involved is the special bond between nurses and clients, she says. "VON isn't just a job. If it was just a job, they wouldn't be nurses."

As of April 8, the VON's five full-time and six part-time nurses will no longer be travelling to the homes of 175 clients in Haliburton County and 300 in Victoria County. They can then either start working for the provider which takes over the services or stay with the VON which will continue to provide homecare services in Peterborough County. The adult day centres, Alzheimer support and foot care clinics will also continue to operate in the Highlands.

John Hassan, the executive director of the Access Centre, which hires homecare agencies through a tendering process, says that over the next weeks, the Access Centre will be working hard to find a replacement agency.

"We have a total commitment to ensure the clients receive the service," he says, noting that when Kawartha Quality Care similarly pulled out of its contract last year, the access centre pro-

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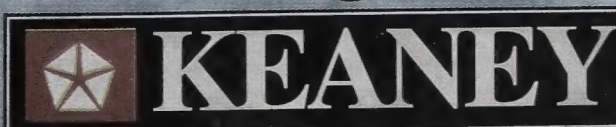
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Hospital walk helps promote fitness

Exercise is a natural way of lowering blood sugar and to make it easier for local diabetics to get the exercise they need, there's a new walking club about to start at the Haliburton Hospital. Every Monday night at 7, people are asked to gather at the hospital for a stroll through the quiet halls. (You don't have to be diabetic to take part, but the program is sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Diabetes Education Network.) The program is being launched at a Walk'n Roll Foot Fair at the hospital on January 24 from 2 to 4 p.m.. There will be a variety of information booths on all aspects of diabetes and how to live with. For details on either event, call Connie Wood at 457-1392, ext. 241.

With all of this snow, rural route drivers ask people to make sure there is easy access to their mailboxes, some of which have been knocked over by the snow-plows. Canada Post says "a few moments spent digging out the box will allow contractors to continue delivery of mail in a safe manner."

There's a public information meeting about French immersion on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 6:30 in the French immersion classroom at Stuart Baker Elementary School in Haliburton. The school, which inaugurated the program last September, is now taking Grade 1 registration for this September. Parents from across the county who want to discuss the possibility of their child becoming involved are asked to call Principal Debbie Wales at 457-1342.

here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting

Taylor Abrahamse is a nine year old actor and former Haliburtonian who is appearing as young "Jimmy Osmond" in the upcoming ABC Movie of the Week "Inside the Osmonds" due to be broadcast on Monday February 5. More information and updates are



Taylor Abrahamse above, and at left with the actor who plays an older Jimmy Osmond

available on the Osmond web-site www.osmond.com. Taylor now lives on Upper Stony Lake near Peterborough with his parents Pam and Casey and brother David. Taylor's grandparents Marg and Derry Wilford, also former Haliburtonians, reside nearby in Lakefield.

An anthology of writing by local lesbian, gay and bisexual youth has been published by the Rainbow Youth Coalition to create and foster a safe and supportive community for these young people. "And I was not afraid" will be launched on January 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gordon Best Theatre in Peterborough. For more information call 705-749-9110.

It's a bit of a drive, but the subject matter is sure to generate interest: on the afternoon of Monday, Jan. 29 in Guelph, the Ontario Rural Council is hosting a public forum called "Water Quality in Rural Ontario... Where do we stand?" Lorrie Minshall of the Grand River Conservation Authority will explore watersheds as fundamental systems for surface and ground water; Dr. Doug Joy of the Ontario Rural Waste Water Centre will address the treatment and supply of Ontario's water; Paul Verkley of the Ontario Environmental Coalition will outline runoff and nutrient management issues; and Dr. Michael Clarke, a microbiologist at the University of Western Ontario will examine health issues related to water-borne disease. Cost is \$20 and pre-registration is required by phoning 519-826-4128.



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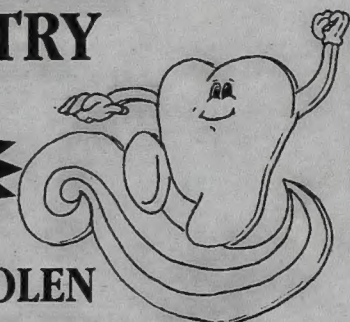
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Dysart applies for funding to buy either oxidizer or composter

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports from the Dysart et al Council meeting of January 8.

Council is moving forward with plans to deal with the municipality's mounting waste management problems. At a special meeting held last October, council discussed entering an application for funding for the Eco Waste Oxidization system or an equivalent composting system in order to relieve the burden on Dysart's landfills. The application for SuperBuild funding has now been made.

The Eco Waste Oxidizer uses a special three-step process to burn almost all types of waste and claims to have no environmental side-effects.

Reeve Murray Fearrey stressed that council will look at all their options before a final plan for the municipality's waste management is decided upon.

Sewage and sludge storage

While wanting to offer their assistance to help with the growing sewage and sludge storage crisis in the county, council members were forced to admit that their hands were tied.

The crisis is the result of the December 15 Ministry of Environment (MOE) order that the use of unlined lagoons for sewage and sludge storage is no longer permitted. The order means the only place to take sewage within the county is to the Haliburton Sewage Treatment Plant in Dysart.

Fearrey says the municipality would like to offer assistance to those left in a bind but can't as the plant has a low effluent rating and can only take 2,600 gallons and one designated hauler a day.

"You'd like to take it to help people out but we don't have the capacity," he said.

The MOE was forced to shut down the lagoons as none of the site owners and haulers have done the necessary hydrological studies to ensure their lagoons are not being overused.

"What I don't understand is how everybody got caught," said Fearrey.

Fearrey says municipalities in the Highlands will have to think long and hard about what to do about the problem in the future. "This is not going to go away."

Library

While only a suggestion at this point, Deputy-reeve Bill Davis brought forward the notion that moving the municipality's library into the building which houses the county library office would free up some much required space.

Davis suggested that council chambers could then be moved to the space the library currently occupies and make them wheelchair accessible as well as opening up more storage.

Land Division Members

Davis and Councillor Jerry Walker will be the municipality's representatives on the county's land division committee.

While the committee will die with the introduction of the county's Official Plan, council felt it was important to have two of its members sit on the committee as the majority of applications which are heard are generally from Dysart.



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

What people planteth, the beaver taketh away

Humans aren't the only ones who seem to be appreciating all the work that's gone into rehabilitating the shores of the Drag River in Haliburton. At least one beaver has been attracted by the trees - a little too attracted for most people's tastes. This one cut down a large tree opposite Danielle's Hair Salon. It would sit on the ice and nibble at the branches, ignoring whatever the ducks had to say about it.

Several uses of former Snowdon office being considered by Minden Hills

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The old Snowdon municipal office may now be sitting empty, but there are hopes to bring new life to the building.

As of January 1, when Snowdon amalgamated with Lutterworth and Anson, Hindon and Minden, there's been no one at the County Road 1 building. The new municipality of Minden Hills has its main office in Minden and building and by-law staff are also working out of the former Lutterworth office.

Ross Rigney, Snowdon's former reeve and now the first reeve of Minden Hills, says it's very unlikely the municipality will sell the building. The office sits beside the landfill site and is part of the site's attenuation zone. If council ever wanted to sell it, it would have to go through expensive environmental procedures first, making the sale unfeasible.

At present, Rigney says the building is being used for storage but several other ideas are being floated about.

Councillor Ron Buchanan has suggested turning it into a dog pound by raising the building and putting in a proper basement.

"We all have tough by-laws on dogs but none of us have the facilities to enforce them," Rigney says of the municipal three partners.

As a larger municipality, perhaps enough work could be generated to have someone staff the building for multi-purpose uses, such as the dog pound.

These uses could be for the municipality or perhaps the entire county.

Interest has also been expressed by the fisheries association to use the building or opening it up to community groups.

"We thought we'd allow people to use it for meetings but we have to be careful because then we're competing with the Gelert hall and Lochlin hall, which charge fees," Rigney says.

The future of the Snowdon office is one of the many topics on the heavy agenda for the new Minden Hills council.

RIDE statistics indicate drivers are using caution

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

There were no impaired driving charges laid as a result of 1,684 RIDE checks by the Haliburton Highlands OPP from November 29 to January 2.

And while that's good news, it's not time for celebration, says Staff Sgt. Bob Walli.

Four drivers had their licences suspended for 12 hours as a part of the holiday season RIDE checks and three

other drivers were charged with impaired driving during routine patrols in the same period.

"It's good that people are getting the message (not to drink and drive)," Walli says, "but at the same time, the three arrests and four suspensions show it's still happening and we have to be vigilant."

The RIDE program also resulted in seven other charges.

The overall number of alcohol related driving charges increased in 2000 compared to 1999, but Walli attributes that to having more officers out on routine patrol.

Sherborne, Stanhope et al briefs

Dorset school tops council's education concerns

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The following are brief reports from the January 5 meeting of Sherborne, Stanhope et al council.

The possible closure of the Dorset school was council's most pressing education issue, the county's new trustee was told when she arrived to introduce herself.

The Trillium Lakelands District Board of Education has listed the small school, which has 28 students, as a candidate for closure.

If the school is closed, "you're closing down part of the community and part of the future of the community and once it's gone, it's gone," Councillor Tom Gardner told Valerie Smith.

"The board isn't looking at just money," Smith said. With new provincial curriculum requirements, the board is wondering whether that curriculum can be taught in a split-grade class. She noted that one school in the county didn't have a Christmas concert because it felt it couldn't afford the time away from meeting curriculum requirements.

As well, some of the small schools don't have the same services available in larger schools and the board is questioning whether students in small schools are being denied opportunities.

"The children we educate today are our citizens of tomorrow and we want to have what's best for them," she said, also recognizing that schools in small communities are more than just learning institutions.

"The main thing is to make sure they're getting proper education," Deputy-reeve Don Shortreed said.

Log chute

The restoration of the historic Hawk Lake log chute is being considered as the municipality's pet project for the present phase of the province's Superbuild fund-



New trustee Val Smith came to council to hear about its concerns.

ing for the development of infrastructure for the arts, culture, heritage, recreation and tourism.

The municipality is allowed one application for the project of greatest importance. A letter of intent to apply must be submitted by February 2, with a full application required by March 31, not giving the municipality much time to collect all the information.

The log chute project, however, already has reams of documentation and letters of support from an unsuccessful application for federal millennium funding. As well, at a price tag of \$125,000, it's a project the municipality will likely never be able to afford on its own.

The other project being considered is a museum for Dorset. A committee has already come up with a business plan.

While councillors such as Jim Hicks and Tom Gardner supported the museum initiative, they said that a museum could be a long-term project that the

municipality could afford on its own with community support while the log chute depends on outside funding.

Representatives for both groups will be asked to make presentations at the next meeting.

Meanwhile, now that the two municipalities are one, Shortreed said it was important to think of joint projects, not one for each former municipalities. With the museum, he'd like to see a comprehensive heritage site at one location so it could become a tourism draw.

Maple Lake

The people of Maple Lake will have to be content with the knowledge that they know where their home is.

Council has been told the hamlet on Hwy. 118 does not meet the requirements to allow name signs to be placed on a provincial highway.

Before being allowed to have Maple Lake signs placed at the entrances to the hamlet, the hamlet must provide fuel and food to the travelling public and be identified on the provincial road map.

Vote by mail

Council did not feel comfortable supporting a request from Kenora to lobby the province to allow municipalities to open the secrecy envelopes which contain vote-by-mail ballots before the polls officially close.

Kenora says that with 62% voter turnout, staff was overwhelmed with the task of opening all the inner envelopes after 8 p.m. when the polls closed. Results could not be tabulated until the next day.

Stanhope Reeve Eleanor Harrison said opening the secrecy ballots early was like opening a ballot box early. She much preferred the suggestion that polls close before 8 p.m. as a way of allowing results to be announced earlier.

Janitorial duties

Municipal office staff will no longer have the responsibility of cleaning the office now that it is housing more people.

"Put away the vacuum cleaner, Gerald," Gardner told clerk-administrator Gerald Bain, who, as Harrison noted, also took his turn in the cleaning brigades.

Council will advertise for janitorial services.

Harrison thanked staff for their willingness to pitch in for all the years since the new office was opened.

Report cards

Starting this year, all municipalities will have to submit data about nine core service areas to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. This data will then be used by the province to set benchmarks for spending and produce a "report card" on municipal spending. The province says this is "cutting edge" legislation which will promote the efficient use of taxpayers' money.

Council didn't quite see it that way.

"It looks like a make work project for municipal offices," Reeve Eleanor Harrison said dryly.

She added, "I'm sure if we don't meet the benchmarks we'll be told we don't get as much money as those who do."

The core service areas are garbage, sewers, water, transportation, fire, police, local government (administration), land use planning and social services.

Land division

Murray Daniels of Stanhope and John Clayton of Sherborne have been appointed as the municipality's representatives on the county's land division committee for a three-year term.

Meeting dates

Council has agreed to meet the first and third Thursday of the month at 9 a.m.. However, for this month only, the second meeting will be Fri. Jan. 19.

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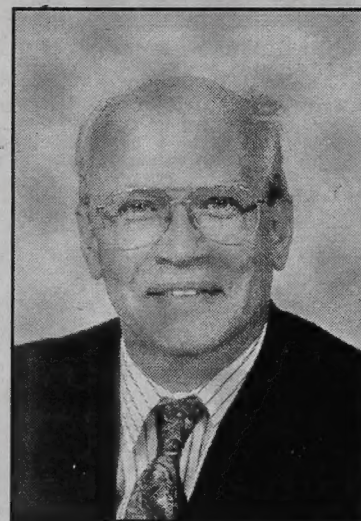
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Students' fish study provides foundation for future

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The shores of Lake Kashagawigamog are beginning to reveal their secrets.

On Friday, HHSS science students unveiled the reams of data they collected last fall by trapping fish on the popular lake near Haliburton village.

While it's too early to start extrapolating what all that data means to the fisheries now and in the future, the students' work provides a solid foundation on which to base further research.

"This is just the beginning and I don't want to draw too much inference from the data," says Dave Flowers, the Minden Ministry of Natural Resources biologist who's been working with Dave Mowat's students on several fisheries projects.

Five more years of data collecting, and the students will have provided the MNR with invaluable information that will help guide policies, he says.

"You have to start somewhere. If you didn't start, we

MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO



Holding up a seine net and wearing regulation hip waders and life jackets, biology students illustrate their presentation on the fish survey which was done last fall on Lake Kashagawigamog. Trap nets were also used.

wouldn't have anything to use as a barometer, say if pike got in...

"The main thing is that this is a first step in trying to benchmark what's happening."

Flowers was asked if the data about the number of young walleye was an indication that the Drag River spawning bed restoration project was producing the desired benefits - more walleye.

"I think we're seeing some direct benefits... but I'd like to follow the information for two or three years. Mother Nature has a lot to do with it, but the rehabilitation work you've done has probably had some success."

Using trap nets and seine nets, the students caught a total of 773 fish, which they weighed and measured. They also collected scales which were sent away to age the fish. All the fish were returned to the lake alive.

The biggest fish they caught was a 28-pound muskie. The oldest fish was a 13-year-old small mouth bass. The large percentage of young walleye was what gave them hope that walleye are now successfully laying their eggs in the Drag River (which flows into Head Lake, which flows into Grass Lake, which flows into Kashagawigamog.)

The most predominant type of fish caught was bass.

As helpful as the data is to the MNR, which couldn't have afforded to hire staff to do the work, Flowers says the most important thing is how much the students are learning by becoming so directly involved in their studies.

Surveys of people who live and cottage on the lake also showed that the public is equally supportive of the project and the students' involvement.



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Developers have met concerns but lake owners still have questions about the impact of large project

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During a discussion about the project at last week's council meeting Fearrey noted that the area is in need of more housing at that there could be a negative impact on the region's future if this type of development is lost.

Fearrey says that the developer has been able to address the municipality's planning requirements and that they have made a solid proposal.

"Any concerns that the municipality has had or any requests that we've had, the developer has been co-operative and done the studies necessary to resolve those."

Dysart's Planning Administrator Pat Martin says the proponents have indeed been able to meet the municipality's concerns but must address the concerns that came out of a public meeting held in early January with the association and some of the proposed project's surrounding neighbours.

"The proposal does meet provincial policy and Official Plan policies but certainly the concerns that have been raised at the public meeting are legitimate concerns and we are supportive of the negotiations that go on through the planning process."

At the public meeting Oyler outlined the LKO's concerns with the project and presented council with a report outlining the same concerns. Many of the issues in the report centre on environmental factors.

"Ours certainly focus on the management of storm water runoff as well as the increased number of boats on the lake and of course the resultant pollution from two-stroke engines," Oyler says. "Also folks are con-

cerned about habitat in that particular bay and the vegetation both along the shoreline and in the water itself."

While the developers have implied that there may be restrictions on engine sizes and that personal watercraft will not be permitted on the site, the LKO states in their report that it does not support the developer's request for a residential docking facility on the west side of the property for 30 boats.

"The LKO, with great difficulty, supports a maximum docking space including slips and linear dock for 24 boats - 18 residential to be sold to owners only on a first come first serve basis and six visitor spaces."

The report also questions what the LKO feels are major changes to the parking lot configuration.

"Obviously with an increase in the original proposed number of parking spaces from 92 to 126 there would be an increase of approximately 25 % of asphalt surfacing for parking spaces for residents alone," the report says. "The LKO does not support your (the municipality) planning staff recommendation of 126 or 2 resident parking spaces per unit for the site."

The report adds that the LKO feels the number of parking spots could be reduced to 1.3 spaces or 82

spaces without creating problems for the development and its residents while the reduction in asphalt would limit runoff.

Oyler says another of the concerns revolves around the impact of the additional traffic on North Kashagawigmog Lake Road. The LKO is asking that the municipality ensure that the developer share the costs of road improvements they feel are needed. These would include widening of the road, additional guardrails, more signage and a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h.

The LKO is also requesting that the developer be required to pay the same fees to connect to the sanitary sewer system as was required by home and cottage owners.

Martin says the developer will be required to pay the identical amount as everyone else.

"They would require 63 ERUs, that's the residential rate for the 63 units and they would be paying the same rate as anyone else hooking on."

Martin adds that as a condition of the site plan agree-

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At the Haliburton Re/Max office, an entire room has been dedicated to Haliburton's first condominium development proposal. Linda Beachli is the realtor for the development of the former Deer Lodge site.

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Dysart sees sewer line as environmental safeguard

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ment the developer will have a proper waste management program in place that includes recycling. As well, the developer must properly decommission the existing septic tile beds and tanks according to provincial standards.

While not mentioned in the report, Oyler noted "some members have expressed to me that a great number of the LKO's concerns could be addressed, would be addressed totally in fact, if the proponents for the development were to reduce the number of buildings from four to three. Now there's been no official position taken on that by the LKO at this time and that certainly wouldn't happen until our next executive meeting, which is in February. But there's a lot of bridges to cross before that time because certainly if LKO and the developers and the neighbours can reach consensus on a number of the not only the housekeeping issues number one, but also the major development issues, then we may in the end come down to totally support the 63 units going ahead. But, and it's a big but at this time, the LKO, and I can't speak for the executive, they might take a position that 'hey, we don't want to see 63 units on the site, we support three quarters of that'."

The developer says the number of units proposed on the site are well within the guidelines set out by the municipality for the property and that the 63 units are what is needed to make the project viable.



This artist's drawing of the proposed Deer Point project shows the view from Lake Kashagawigamog. Some members of the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization say many of their concerns would be addressed if the number of units was reduced from 63.

Reeve Fearrey says only the developer knows what number of units is profitable and adds that the municipality has done what it can to reduce the environmental impact of projects like Deer Point on the lake by installing a sewer system along North Kashagawigamog Road.

"That's why we spent the amount of money we spent putting sewer lines in so that we could clean up the water and allow some development to be sustainable on the lake. So I don't think laymen are in a position to enter into the debate on the number of units. If it had exceeded the 65 (connections to the sewer line) then obviously the municipality would have had some concerns."

Fearrey said he is hopeful that the developer's pro-

posal will come back to the planning committee for a recommendation next month if negotiations with the LKO go well.

The ReMax office in Haliburton already has a separate showroom set up for the project showcasing its details and reservations for units are being taken as well.

In a worst-case scenario if the three parties cannot agree the proposed project could end up at the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) to be resolved.

"Well obviously that's when a decision is to be made and the developer will just say 'goodbye' or we'll have to support an application to the Ontario Municipal Board," says Fearrey. "If they meet the planning criteria the municip-

ality will support the project."

Oyler says it is far too early to tell if the project will be forced to go to the OMB.

"Do I see that happening at the present time as of January 12? No I don't. But I can't comment on the future and I don't think that the proponents could either. Let me just say that I'm very hopeful that the LKO, the municipality and the proponents for the development can sit down and work out these concerns satisfactory to all parties. But as with any other development and any other lake association there is always a bottom line and we may reach that point of impasse. But I think it's too early to tell."



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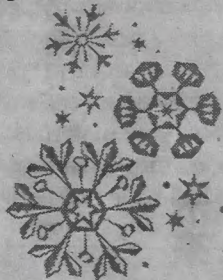
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Ice Fishing Derby hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 129 at Camp Wanakita, Koshlong Lake starts at 9 AM. Entry Fee \$20.00, register early at the Royal Canadian Legion or at the Derby. For more information call Richard Watson at (705) 457-1886 or the Royal Canadian Legion at (705) 457-2571.

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The world is so much smaller than it was in their parents' day, when plane travel was a major, and rare, expedition. Think, too, of all the young Canadian men who signed up for World War II partly because they knew it

would be the only opportunity they've have to see the places they and their parents only read about in books.

Yet none of these young reporters have a photo album to compare to Ryan Sisson's

and Adam Bathe's. It is absolutely incredible to think that these two teenagers from Minden have travelled to one of the last natural havens in the world, Antarctica. Now that commercial whaling is banned, only scientific researchers and a limited number of tourists go to that great white continent which anchors the planet. Have no doubt that Ryan and Adam are very much aware of how privileged they've been to be among the chosen few to sail amongst the icebergs.

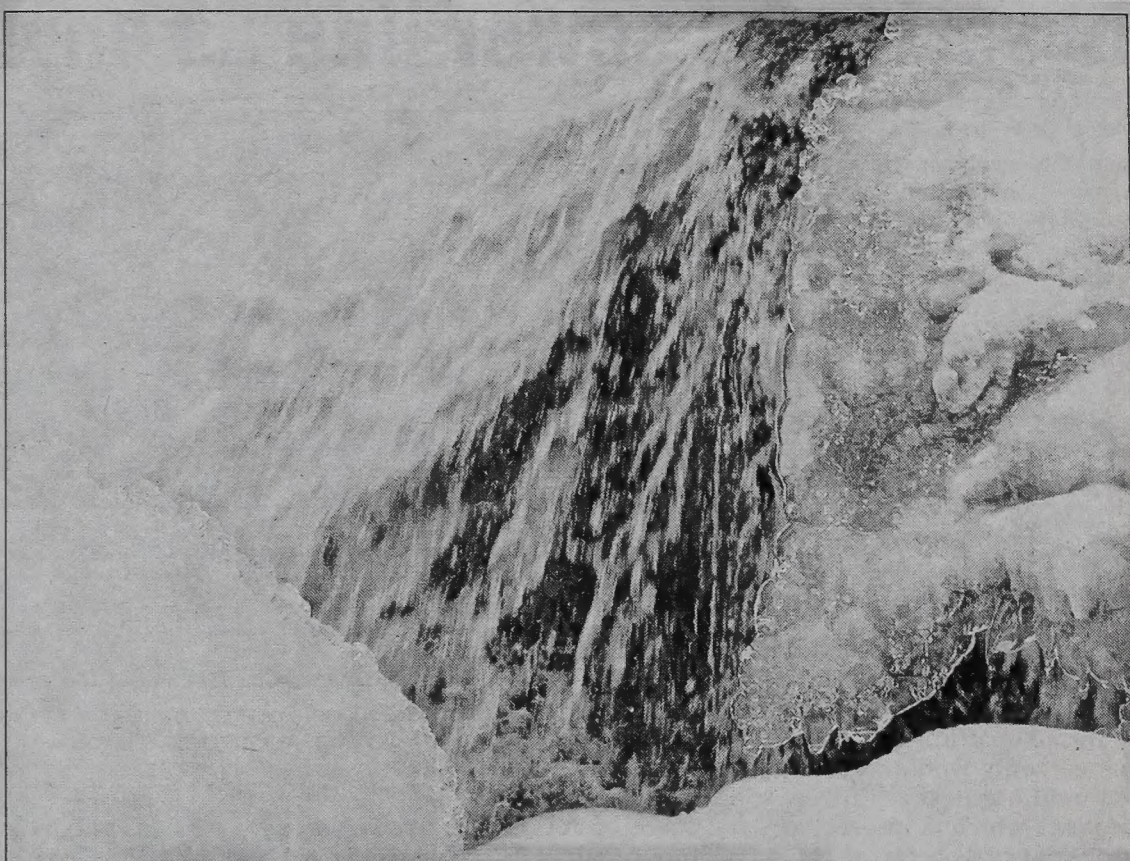
When they speak of their recent science-based expedition, they do so with a reverential tone, new converts to the "protect the Antarctic" faith. Such an attitude is as admirable as it is needed. Most adults are accustomed to the making the little concessions that continue society's slide towards disrespect of our natural environment. We want to protect nature, as long as such decisions don't inconvenience us or make things more expensive. But we also need people such as Ryan and Adam as the countervailing voice, reminding us as forcefully as possible that we have obligations to this earth which sustains us. Let's hope age doesn't silence them.

Municipal semantics

Speaking of young reporters, when this writer was studying the trade, the difference between the term township and municipality was described this way: a township was a geographic designation and a municipality was a political one. For instance, a township such as Stanhope was defined as lines on a map, but it could also be a stand-alone political body. Anson, Hindon and Minden, on the other hand, was a municipality - governed by one body - made up of three geographic townships. You'd never call it the township of Anson, Hindon and Minden.

In subsequent years, this lesson has been passed down, but now that we have amalgamations, the new names are making a mockery of the subtle differences between municipalities and townships. The county's new northern municipality is being called the township of Sherborne, Stanhope, McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale. Township? Shouldn't that be municipality?

What's an earnest editor to do, continue changing stories to reflect the "accurate" use of each term, or accept that a) she's been wrong all these years, or b) no one else cares so leave the names alone? Fear not, however, all those readers who won't read The Echo without a red pen in hand. Whatever the decision we will still be vigilant about the difference between like and such as, who and that, hopefully and it is hoped...



A frigid cascade

by Len Pizze/Echo

Confessions of a tackle junkie

My name is Steve, and I am addicted to fishing tackle. There, I've said it. Maybe now, the healing can begin.

I wasn't always this way. I never used to need expensive items to catch fish. In fact, there was a time when I got by with a willow pole, a safety pin, and worms dug from my dad's garden. But that was long ago. Now, I won't touch a worm unless it's been dyed fluorescent green. Even then I need a dozen or more just to get me through the day.

Like all addictions, this one snuck up on me. One morning, I was fishing on the wharf, minding my own business. Then, out of nowhere these three guys walk up and start dangling lines beside me. Even though they looked clean cut, they used graphite rods, spinning reels, bobbers and hooks. Worse still, they were catching fish and actually having fun.

In hindsight, I should have left immediately. I knew it was wrong. After all, I come from a long line of successful fishermen and not one had ever caught a fish.

"Try it," one fellow said, offering me his tackle.

"Uh, no," I replied. My father warned me it was addictive.

I held off for a while, but they kept landing fish from the waters beneath the dock. Soon, I gave in to temptation.

As cliché as it sounds, I was a victim of peer pressure.

I thought I could control it, but now I can see that the lure was too strong.

It wasn't long before I was hooked - right in the back of the ear. From there on in, tackle was a part of me.

To a tackle junkie there's no such thing as recreational use. Before long, I had purchased

three spinning rods, a fly rod, matching reels, and four full tackle boxes. The boat was harder to sneak in the house.

My summers were spent on the lake mainlining spinners and jerk baits. I knew I was out of control when I found myself testing ultra-realistic plastic worms and crayfish in the bath tub.

Unfortunately, my wife was bathing at the time. I'm still deaf in one ear.

People would ask what I did on the weekend. Ashamed, I lied and told them I passed my time drinking heavily. At first, they believed me. But soon, someone noticed that I spent too much time at the outdoors store and not nearly enough in the bar. Word got around and my good name was dragged through the mud. My reputed sobriety cost me a job at the Canadian Firearms Centre.

A habit like this is hard on a family too. I mean, you have all the best intentions. You really do want to buy your wife a dozen roses for Valentine's Day. Instead, she gets two carnations and a pretty new fly reel. Or earrings that are too ugly to wear but, with the simple addition of a treble hook, flashy enough for brook trout. Soon your son's rubber ducky is missing, coincidentally, just after muskie season opens. Personally, I hit rock bottom when my wife walked into the kitchen and caught me doing a line - of six pound test. I was out of control.

But, I've been good lately. Of course, ice fishing helps. How many jigs and spoons can a man own?

Even so, I can't trust myself at a bait shop. And, every time I see a woman in a fur coat, I think fly tying materials. Yes, it's a constant struggle. But I'll win this battle. I'm not a slave to tackle. I have free will. My wife said so.

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Winter is the best time

AS SHE STOOD TALKING TO HER FRIEND, Cynthia's eyes strayed to the kitchen window. She looked just in time to see a gust of snow sweep off the barn roof, driven by a rising wind. A delicious shiver ran through Cynthia and she had to force herself back into the kitchen and the conversation with Marg. Cynthia left Marg's shortly afterward, citing the possibility of an approaching snow storm. But that was only partly true.

For in fact, while Cynthia did not enjoy driving through a blizzard, she dearly liked to be outside when the elements were raucous. A howling wind, falling snow or rain and if possible, a good rumble of thunder combined with the flash of lightning, added spice to any day or night. Cynthia loved weather, with a capital W. She found herself attuned to its



sharon lynch

down our road

vagaries and moods. If she could not always stand outside during storms, then she would settle for driving through them and, as a last resort, watching from a porch or large window.

Driving back from Marg's, Cynthia let her eyes wander briefly to the bush at the side of the road or up at the heavy, grey clouds. Because of the flying snow, she had a legitimate reason to slow her car and ponder her climatic passions. She decided

that "passion" was exactly the right word. A storm, of whatever kind, seemed an emotional experience. Cynthia imagined rage, longing, revenge in this fury of nature. It stirred her senses and the stimulation left her feeling more alive.

As she drove, Cynthia realized that winter was her favourite weather time, and that there need not even be a storm- just good, solid, winter weather - for her to feel content. She realized she was out of step with many of her friends, who groaned when it started to snow. Cynthia, on the other hand, felt a mixture of awe at the beauty of the flakes and eagerness to get out into it. She wanted to shovel, scoop and pile it; to wade through the fluffy banks and crunch through the chunky piles. She wanted to skim over its surface on snowshoes or skis, as though floating above the earth; to feel winter's cool kiss on her face as she drew in frosty lungfuls and felt its energy surge through her body.

And perhaps, most of all, Cynthia wanted to feast her eyes on winter's beauty and feel the response within herself that only that season could evoke. She did not know from where her pleasure in winter sprang; only that it was there for her to marvel at and enjoy. The hush of bush cloaked in white yet alive with light and the play of shadows, like reeds floating in a stream; a flash of blue jay, its echoing call bouncing off the bare and graceful branches: these gave Cynthia immense peace.

Now, from a distance, she saw the lake like a great white giant, slumbering. The perfection of its expanse was tantalizing and so Cynthia pulled onto the shoulder and got out of her car. This was the lake close to her home and she knew there would be a trail leading to its edge. At other times, snowmobiles came this way. But not today, not right now. The snow had stopped, or perhaps only paused and the wind was pushing tufts of white across the flat surface. They streamed like ribbons, nudged along by an invisible, determined breath. Cynthia stood at the edge and let her eyes scan the lake, soaking up its openness, its majesty. One night she had walked along its top, her snowshoes sinking only slightly into the downy surface. She had felt herself to be in a magical world of sparkles and spells as moonlight had caught the ice crystals and turned them into diamonds. There were no diamonds now, only silence. Even the wind seemed to have lost its voice as it silently danced across the lake.

Time to go. The key to enjoying winter was to stay warm and Cynthia knew that she wasn't dressed for standing in the cold. Poor planning on her part. With a sigh, she turned away and walked back to her car. Hand on the car door, she checked the road for oncoming vehicles. A doe cleared the snow bank and gamboled across the road. A young adult followed her, then another and another. They had to have been standing not far from where Cynthia had been, gazing at the lake. She watched them disappear into the bush, their white tails like sails as they floated away. Life is good, she thought, slipping behind her wheel.



pic of the past

This undated photograph shows a much different looking Haliburton village than a boater would glimpse from the same vantage point on Head Lake today. Of course the boat houses are long gone (they are no longer permitted anywhere in the Municipality of Dysart et al) but there have been many other improvements to the view as the community has grown. The main buildings pictured here are, from left: Haliburton Baptist Church, St Georges Anglican Rectory house and Church, and higher up the hillside, the Ferdinand Sipe residence. The waterfront is a much more attractive place today, with a paved and much enjoyed walkway skirting the lakeshore from Haliburton high school at the head of the lake to the green space of Head Lake Park. This photo is part of the Hozie collection, kindly loaned to us by the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

It was home sweet home for this mouse

Inspired by Kerry Riley's delightful story on mouse invasion and the ensuing warfare which appeared in the wonderful Christmas supplement of December 19, 2000, I will attempt to tell my own story on this subject - not with competitive intentions because I could not begin to match the eloquence and poetry of Ms. Riley's talent.

Nevertheless it is a quite amusing, but also a very annoying episode in our perpetual battle with these little beady-eyes, furry co-inhabitants.

Live traps, killer traps, rat poison, what do we choose? Initially we always catch them alive, move them to the woodshed (we also live in the country with forest around us), only to welcome them back again the next day. Or so we thought.

And then it also happened that we went away for a few days and forgot to disengage the "catch", and came home to a gruesome, horrifying death scene of three and one half mice which I will not describe in detail. So, out came the killer traps - lately with peanut-butter after someone wrote about it being the best bait! But mice are very smart! They also adapt easily to dangerous situations, and have learned to steal the bait and avoid the "snap".

We had no idea how many families felt drawn to our nice warm abode, until the annual gingerbread house for the grandchildren was stored in our spare kitchen (ours used to be a two-family dwelling).

Every since we had children and then grand-

children have I enjoyed making these little "pieces of art", but never before had they been finished two weeks before Christmas. Tightly wrapped in Saran we put it on top of a refrigerator. The grandkids come every week to visit, but that place was locked. And actually, we seldom linger in that kitchen, only to tend from

time to time to my winter garden - all the plants from outside that take a rest on the big table.

The night before Christmas the story unfolds:

My husband heard a stirring in the gingerbread house,

He opens the cover, and lo and

behold

A mouse was escaping from its crispy sweet hold!

When unveiling the "Häuschen", the "snow" had completely turned black

Because it was covered with mouse dirt in track.

The sweets and the nuts had been eaten with glee,

And all in all the whole "creation" had defeated me!

Needless to say, the children were sad,

And I - you can imagine - was extre-me-ly mad!!!

We cleaned the poop as good as we could

Just to show my intent, but then I destroyed the mouse "tenement".

P.S. Out came the rat poison, and for days we lived with that peculiar smell that is only familiar to those who know what I am talking about.

echo guest column

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



More voices needed to protect trails

Lost Trail Ways

I am forever optimistic about the future of trails in Haliburton County. However, I lose some bounce when I hear stories about lost trail ways. It seems Haliburton County may have lost another portage to development. Use of the old highway bridge in Minden has been closed to use by snowmobiles and other uses. Remember the loss of the Jim Beef trail last year. Many of our trail resources continue to be on the endangered list.

To recover our losses or avoid future ones we need more voices for trails. Join a local trail organization or the Network, talk to a neighbour, a landowner, a developer, a real estate agent, government representative or a trail user. Go for a walk, a ski, a ride, a paddle – get a feel for the trail experience. Take a hat off to and support those folks who work to protect our trail resources. Leon Jones, councillor for Guilford Township, is working to restore that lost portage. Steve Berry, HCSA President, has spent many hours trying to keep that bridge open. These trail champions and others could use a little help.

It is easy to get discouraged.... On the other hand, we are skiing the Jim Beef again!

Trail Dot Com

The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network is pleased to announce their new web site – www.trailsand-tours.com. Check it out! It has been designed to serve as a gateway to all trail

interests in Haliburton County. The site is a work in progress and we invite suggestions for expanding it. If you have some nifty trail information, a cool link or want to see a change please let us know. Advertising space is now for sale.



Trails and Tours Talk

by BARRIE MARTIN

Business Friends get a discount on all advertising with the Network.

Speaking of Business Friends, we would like to welcome Boatwerks, Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, Halimar Lodge, and Wild Swan Bed and Breakfast Inn to the Network.

Thinking Big

Dare we think big? Dare we turn that dream of Haliburton County having the best trail system into reality? The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network has prepared a discussion paper to generate awareness and support

for what could be – if we all work together.

Given progress to date, the Network is well positioned for the next and most critical phase for achieving its vision. With a board of directors well established, marketing (brochures and kiosks) and resource development activities underway, and key “building blocks” (inventory database and trail development template) in place, it is essential that a major investment in the trails themselves be made. Major funding opportunities such as Superbuild and Ontario Living Legacy have been unveiled.

It is in this context that we have prepared a discussion paper, Trails for Haliburton County – A Comprehensive Trail Development Initiative of the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network. It proposes, on behalf of all trail organizations, owners and managers, to bring all trail development projects – upgrades and new projects – under one comprehensive proposal. Integrating all trail projects into one may be a more successful approach to securing funding than submitting several individual projects. Through the collaborative efforts of

all trail interests, together as a Network, we can achieve what no single interest group could. We can build and maintain a great trail system, encourage healthy lifestyles, and enhance the local economy through an improved year-round trail and tour experience.

The discussion paper speaks to the development of a strategic plan for future trail development and management; upgrading of existing trails to standards and visual identity defined in the Trail Development Template; and the initiation and completion of several proposed trail projects.

Let the dialogue begin. We are interested in talking to all trail interests, local government, community organizations, and individuals. Is there a trail project that you would like to see included in this proposal? Is there another recreational or cultural community project that could be linked to this project or visa versa?

If you would like a copy of the discussion paper please contact Rachel Gillooly at 705-286-1760 or info@trailsandtours.on.ca or visit our web site www.trailsandtours.com

Health Unit plans telephone survey to identify local health issues

Beginning this month, residents of Haliburton County will be part of a survey designed to help identify emerging public health issues for the area.

The survey is being done for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, as well as the Durham Region, Niagara and Simcoe County Health Units, and will take place each month for the next year.

Each month, 100 residents will be randomly selected for the telephone survey and asked about lifestyle behaviours that may impact their health and the health of their families. The survey will include questions about smoking, drinking and driving, immunization, use of car seats and bike helmets, sun safety and food choices.

“This survey will provide health unit staff with timely information about the health knowledge, attitudes and behaviours of the people in our communities,” says Leslie Orpana, director of chronic

disease and injury prevention for the HKPR District Health Unit and co-ordinator of the survey for the health unit.

“Too often health units have to rely on statistical information that has been collected on a province-wide basis that is out-of-date by the time it is received. With this survey, we will have current, local data that will better enable us to plan our programs and services to meet the needs of area residents.”

Participation in the survey is voluntary, but Orpana hopes people will take the time to answer the questions.

“We feel it is important that we hear directly from the members of our communities,” says Orpana. “How better to know what type of services and supports are needed than to learn from the people we work with.”

The survey will be conducted by the Institute for Social Research at York University and was first introduced as a pilot project in Durham Region in 1999.

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Province needs to address the wage disparity for homecare nurses, VON says

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vided seamless care. "It's a challenge but we'll be able to do it."

The VON's Karen Guy blames a shortage of nurses and the disparity of wages between homecare agencies and institutions for the need to pull out.

Because it wasn't able to hire enough nurses, the VON wasn't able to accept enough clients to make the program feasible, she says.

"The provincial government has to send more money to the community sector so we can increase the compensation of community nurses because they're paid significantly less than hospital nurses."

Better wages would not only help the VON attract more nurses, but also retain them.

Last year, when the VON made its bid to the access centre to provide nursing at home, Guy says it knew its competitors were going to come in at a lower price. As a result, the VON quoted a price that would result in a \$6,000 a month shortfall, monies it felt it could find from other areas of its budget.

But when it had trouble finding enough nurses, it had to turn clients down. This also meant the nurses it did have had to travel farther, also increasing costs. As a result, the monthly deficit had reached \$20,000, leading to a projected \$240,000 annual shortfall.

"Our clients have always been our top priority," a VON press release says, "and rather than discontinue our services when these losses began, VON continued providing service with the expectation of additional community healthcare funding. It is now clear that this funding is not forthcoming. VON cannot continue to sustain this level of loss."

The VON has been working with the Haliburton, Northumberland, Victoria Community Care Access Centre to try to find a solution. When none could be found, it invited the access centre and province to conduct an operational review of its branch "to fully verify that we are fiscally responsible and that the current level of funding is not adequate to cover costs."

Hassan says the access centre tried hard to find a solution, but there were none it could afford and "none of our options worked for the VON."

MPP Chris Hodgson says "the VON has a great reputation and they're providing a great service. It's sad they're choosing to close down."

He says base funding for homecare services in this region has increased \$5-million since 1995, bringing it up to \$23-million. Other areas have not had their funding increased by such a level.

As to the tendering process, he says "we've got a policy that limits weighting of cost to 25%", meaning that decisions aren't made on price alone.

The Ministry of Health is currently studying the issue, which is causing problems province-wide.

Waste, water and roads will preoccupy new Highlands East council

KERRY RILEY

Special to The Echo

The following are brief excerpts of discussions held during the inaugural meeting of the Highlands East council, held Monday, January 8, in the Lloyd Watson Centre council chambers.

Addressing a standing-room-only crowd in the council chambers, Keith Tallman, the first reeve of Highlands East, welcomed new council members, and the public alike, to the inaugural assembly of the Highlands East council. After introducing his council, Bill Howe of Ward 1 (formerly Bicroft) Suzanne Partridge of Ward 2 (formerly Cardiff) Chuck Viner of Ward 3 (formerly Glamorgan) and Gary Stoughton of Ward 4 (formerly Monmouth) Reeve Tallman went on to outline what, in his opinion, were the three most pressing challenges facing the new municipality.

He cited waste management, and the completion of a study of the new township's collective waste disposal operations, as his first concern.

Secondly, as a result of the recent tragedy in Walkerton, in which insufficiently treated water was linked to the deaths of a number of the town's citizens, the Ministry of the Environment

now requires that Highlands East chlorinate all of its municipal water supplies. This, he cautioned, will be an expensive undertaking. The township is, however, already in the process of procuring provincial funding to help offset the cost, he added.

The third major issue which warranted the council's immediate attention, Reeve Tallman felt, was the need to initiate a five-year roads needs study.

Chuck Viner new deputy reeve

Following a blessing given by Pastor Wayne Rutter of the South Wilberforce Full Gospel Church, council proceeded with the election of its Deputy Reeve. Gary Stoughton nominated former Glamorgan Reeve Chuck Viner. The motion, seconded by Viner, carried.

By-laws enacted

The Procedural By-law for the new township, which sets out standard procedures for the operation of the township, was, after some debate, passed, with amendments.

Ward 2 Councillor Suzanne Partridge wanted reassurances that the stipulation that people wishing to address council must notify the clerk at least seven days in advance, would not preclude individuals' with a pressing need, from having access to council at the soonest available meeting. Other members of the council expressed their understanding that this was not the spirit of that particular article, and that it would not be used to obstruct access to council.

Highlands East council will meet twice each month, on the second and fourth Tuesday, at 9 am. There was some debate about the need for two meetings, and the problem of accessibility which arose with daytime meetings.

"The 9 am time does make it difficult for working ratepayers, and seasonal residents to attend," commented Viner. Stoughton wondered if it might be better to schedule the second meeting for the evening. Partridge questioned the need for a second meeting at all, suggesting that once the early flurry of work associated with setting up the new township was over, it might be better to convene the second meeting on an "only as needed," basis.

In the end, the by-law was amended to include a provisional second council meeting. The daytime scheduling, however, was not changed.

Suggested fees prove contentious

Councillor Partridge challenged the proposed fee of \$500 for procuring a minor variance. This service requires that a small Committee of Adjustment (C. of A.) meet to consider a ratepayer's request for some minor exemption from a by-law.

"I just don't think it costs us \$500 to process a C. of A.," she commented.

Clerk Treasurer Sharon Stoughton-Craig countered that there was as much paperwork involved as with a re-zoning, and that committee members had to be paid for their time and mileage.

Partridge expressed some surprise, noting that in the former township of Cardiff, C. of A's were dealt with at regular council meetings, with councillors acting as committee members. Viner, concurred, noting that that had been Glamorgan's practice as well.

Reeve Tallman, however, took issue with the idea of council acting as committee members.

A short survey of past fees revealed that Cardiff used to charge \$125 for the service, while Glamorgan charged somewhere around \$300.

"I'm inclined to agree [with Suzanne Partridge] that \$500 is too high, but then again, \$125 is too low," commented Chuck Viner. "Let's find a compromise."

A reduction in the charges, from \$500 to \$300, allowed the by-law to pass unanimously.

Appointments made

The following appointments were accepted.
Clerk Treasurer: Sharon Stoughton-Craig
Deputy Clerk: Glen Madill
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Alzheimer's Awareness Month

A father's love, a daughter's gift in return

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

WHEN LONDA BUFFEL was 10 years old, her mother died. Even though her father Cesar was overcome by his own grief, he immediately committed himself to being the best parent his two daughters could ever wish for and set about creating a loving, warm and nurturing home for the three of them at his tobacco farm in Delhi.

Fifty years later, Londa Buffel is now Londa Earle, wife of Ron and mother of her own two grown children and the love that shines from her eyes as she looks down at her father shows that he had certainly kept his vow. He looks back at her, his eyes a mirror of that love and devotion.

"I have a good daughter," he says and they both smile warmly at each other.

Sometimes, however, he hesitates when asked his daughter's name, his eyes now a reflection of his bewilderment and confusion.

If Londa was to ask her father how old he was, or where he was, he wouldn't be able to answer. "Ninety-one?" he says with surprise when she tells him his age. "That's old!"

He even forgets how to use his arms to help propel himself out of his chair and has to be told, patiently and yet again, what he should do. Put one hand on one armrest, the other

hand on the other armrest...

Every time she takes him for a short walk from one room to another, he grumbles. "I did enough walking in the army," he says, referring to his youthful years of service in Belgium. He'll repeat that line hundreds of times a day. She cherishes the time he deviated from the script and said "I love you."

If Londa is in another room, Cesar periodically becomes apprehensive, even if he can hear her voice. "Are you going to stay here," he asks nervously, thinking this is his house and

she's come for a visit.

"Yea, we'll stay here with you," she says. "Everything's okay."

"Okay," he says, relaxing into his chair. Ten minutes later, he might nervously ask the same question and she'll give him the same reassuring answer.

Normally a good sleeper, there have been nights when he calls out again and again for reassurance, forgetting that she had given him the same answer a few minutes earlier.

"He's controlled by his fears," she says of why it's impossible

to get him into a car.

Cesar Buffel has Alzheimer's, a disease of the brain that had probably started to settle in seven years ago and has progressively fogged both his memory and cognitive skills. After a disastrous month in a nursing home in southern Ontario convinced his daughter that he wouldn't be getting the care he needed or deserved, for the past three years, he's been living with Londa and Ron on a quiet cottage road.

She says he's living On Golden Pond.

With tremendous assistance from her patient husband, a wise daughter who leaves her busy law practice two weekends a month to sit with Cesar and give her parents a break, a knowledgeable case manager from the access centre, dedicated and caring Para-med support workers, the expertise of VON nurses and her family doctor, compassionate hospice volunteers, a supportive Alzheimer Society co-ordinator, wonderful neighbours and understanding friends, Mrs. Earle has never regretted the decision, although at times it has taxed every ounce of her energy.

For her, it was a natural move to make.

Remembering back to those years after her mother died, she says "he took care of my sister and I. He was just there for us so now it's my time to give back..."

"I'm just trying to keep him

alive and let him die with dignity.

"I just love the man. There are no strings attached. I feel my mother in me. She's right beside me."

Yet she's also very quick to stress that there's no way she could have ever done this alone.

At first a reluctant retiree to the Highlands, today she says with admiration and awe that "this is the best place to grow old. The care, the support groups are just wonderful. They kept me going, I tell you. I couldn't do it without them."

She gives the example of last November. Her father's physical health had deteriorated and he was going through a period of anxiety. Now all the nursing assistance she provided him - bathing, toileting, getting him out of bed and making sure he got as much exercise as possible - seemed a herculean task. "I thought, 'oh God, I can't do this any more.'"

She called her case manager at the access centre who immediately sent a therapist to the home. The therapist assessed the situation and then came up with a few suggestions which, once implemented, worked wonders. Mrs. Earle didn't even have to leave the house - which involves making sure there's someone to be with her father - to get the support devices she needed. They were delivered right to her door (and it's not an easy door to find, being in

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For Londa Earle, helping her father, Cesar Buffel, walk to the bathroom involves reminding him how to put one foot in front of the other. He has Alzheimer disease and taking care of him is her way of saying thanks.



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Londa Earle says that when she was growing up, her father did everything possible to create a warm and loving home. Now that he has Alzheimer's, she wants to do the same for him at her Horseshoe Lake home.

Tremendous community support makes caring for father with Alzheimer's possible

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Blairhampton.)

Under OHIP, her father gets 60 hours of home support care a month. This includes the personal support workers from Paraded who she trusts completely to provide the care her father needs. OHIP also provides, under her name, 28 hours a month of respite care. If she doesn't use all these hours, she can bank them.

And if more care is needed so she and her husband can take an extended break - last summer they were part of a group bicycle ride from Perth to Kingston and back and this summer they'd love to do part of the Trans Canada Trail - then they can privately pay \$18 an hour to provide 24-hour-a-day care.

"It's all about a community working together," she says. "It's about caring

about one another as human beings."

As a result, although her father can never be left alone, the Earles can enjoy a relatively busy social life. They're members of the Real Easy Ryders, the nordic ski association, Highland Twirlers and bowling centre. For those times when she needs a break but can't get out of the house, she goes into a quiet room overlooking the lake and practises her violin. "Music has been the greatest therapy for me," she says.

Given all of this help and support, Mrs. Earle repeats her claim that it doesn't take an angel to dedicate themselves to caring for someone with her father's type of Alzheimer's.

"You're not stuck in," she insists. "It's an attitude."

And yet she's very much aware she and Ron might not always be able to take care of Cesar and may one day have to

place him in a nursing home. It's a thought she doesn't relish, but being realistic, she has his name on waiting lists.

"He's not a survivor," she says of why it's her turn to be apprehensive when she thinks of putting him in a nursing home. He can't eat by himself and if you give him a glass of water, you have to tell him to drink it - and remind him how it's done. He's incontinent and "paper thin" skin means he's prone to rashes and skin irritations if his diaper is left on too long.

Besides, he loves living on Horseshoe Lake.

"No damn boats on the lake," he'll comment, looking out at the white expanse of ice. "Are they sleeping?"

And if he could, he'd probably echo the words of his daughter when he reflects on the life they have together: "I'm blessed."

The VON's support groups let caregivers know they're not alone

One of the ways Londa Earle copes with taking care of her father is by being a member of one of the VON's Alzheimer Society's local support groups.

There are five groups in the Highlands - four that meet during the day in Minden, Haliburton, Wilberforce and Cardiff and one that meets nights in Minden.

Surrounded by people who are experiencing the same challenges, they can learn from one another, laugh with one another and benefit collectively from the many resources available through Sandi May, this area's support services co-ordinator for the VON (through the Peterborough office.)

During one recent meeting, May brought along a video that explained what Alzheimer's is and how it affects the brain. For Londa Earle, knowing how the brain works helped explain so many of her father's behaviours. Other videos help caregivers recognize the signs of burn-out so they can make sure the caregiver isn't soon in need of care.

"Don't think you can do it on your own," May advises, saying people should be willing to have others help.

Before deciding to care for someone with Alzheimer's, people have to be realistic about their own needs and how much support they'll get from the rest of their family. "Be honest with yourself," she says.

And educate yourself. There's so much new research being done and the Society can provide the link between the scientists in their labs and the caregivers in their homes.

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Journey to Antarctic a life-changing experience for two teens

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

ADAM BATHE AND RYAN SISSON travelled to the bottom of the earth and came home feeling like they're on top of the world.

It's hard for the two Minden high school students to use anything but

superlatives as they share memories from their almost two-week journey to Antarctica.

"Do you have three hours?" they laughingly ask, having discovered that there's no quick way to describe such a life-changing experience.

Listening to the tone of reverence they use to recall their participation in Students on Ice, it can almost be called a religious experience.

For Ryan, it was the natural appeal of the uninhabited continent that captivated him the most.

"It's the purity," he says. "It's one of the only places in the world that's been relatively unaltered by humans... I thought I was stepping into the past..."

"You think it's so barren but you turn a corner and see an explosion of wildlife and half a million penguins... You're front and centre watching nature and how it really works. We only saw glimpses and you can tell (by our excitement) how powerful that glimpse was."

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo



Adam Bathe and Ryan Sisson, two 18-year-old OAC students at HHSS, hope to soon be able to do a public presentation about their trip to Antarctica.

"The biological experience wasn't as profound as being in this environment," says Adam, who as is his wont, disagrees with Ryan while sharing the same philosophies and commitments.

"It was just the calmness and silence and quality of light. Everything just had this glow to it."

Even the hundreds of pictures they took can't describe the aura, Adam says.

"The experience of being there is so infinitely personal. A photo just doesn't compare. All people see is this flat image and what we experienced was so dynamic."

So what did they experience? First they flew to Buenos Aires, Argentina's capital that at first impressed them with its green spaces. That's before they started to

look down. "There is garbage everywhere and the river is solid garbage," Adam says.

As they drove out of the city, Ryan says the slums "looked the shacks on World Vision and it made me question a lot of things - our mass consumption and waste. Canada's such a rich nation and we don't know how lucky we are."

From Buenos Aires it was a relatively short flight to Ushuaia, on the southern-most tip of Argentina, where they toured the Terra del Fuego National Park before getting on a ship to the Shetland Islands. It was on one of these islands, close to Antarctica, that they celebrated New Year's.

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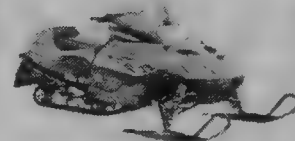
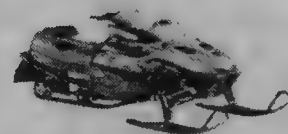
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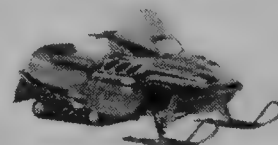
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Antarctica a land where time stands still

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Landing on the earth's white continent is, it must be admitted, a rather spectacular way to celebrate the arrival of the true new millennium. ("That's another three-hour story," Ryan smiles.)

The two 18-year-olds seem still held in the thrall of such an extraordinary opportunity. In the year of Stanley Kubrick's *Space Odyssey*, they found themselves in a place where time has stood still. There are no indigenous people of Antarctica and today, the only people who live there year-round are scientific researchers from various countries. (Scientists on the *Students on Ice* voyage were, in part, continuing with research about the effects of the ozone hole's ultraviolet rays. One of other researchers was Dr. Kathleen Conlin, a Lake Kashagawigamog cottager who's a biologist with the Canadian Museum of Nature. She recognized Ryan from the story about the upcoming trip in *The Echo*. The two teens were amazed by how many people on the trip had a Haliburton connection.)

Ever since the Antarctic treaty, which also signalled the end of the continent's history as a commercial whaling outpost, strict limits have been placed on how many people can travel there as a way of protecting the fragile environment.

Once on the island, there were even stricter rules for the 50 students from across Canada, and it wasn't just a case of "leave only footprints." They were not allowed to get less than five metres from a penguin (although if a curious, rule-breaking penguin came closer for a better look, the human specimen didn't have to move away.)

Adam recalls a time when it was particularly hard to follow this rule. He watched as a young penguin desperately tried to get back up a rock he had fallen from. At the top of the rock were its parents, obviously anxious and trying to coax it on. It would have been a simple matter, at least physically, of Adam going over and lifting up the chick to reunite it with its parents, but he too had to abandon it to its fate.

"I could do something good for that chick but it could have an impact on the rest of the population," he says of how his intellect won over his emotions as he walked away from the scene.

"That's our challenge as ambassadors of Antarctica," Ryan will later say. "We have to keep Antarctica pure."

Because they were at the bottom of the earth during Antarctica's summer, the temperature rarely dipped below -5° and "part of the magic" of the trip was the 24-hour daylight. They never saw the sun set for five days. Combined with the adrenaline rush of being on such a voyage, this didn't help them get more than two hours of sleep a "night."

Travelling on a large ship, the students did their explorations by Zodiaks, inflatable boats that were low-

ered down the side of the ship. In the Zodiaks they'd glide past ethereal icebergs, graceful and majestic towers of ice.

In one narrow passage, a minke whale surfaced beside them.

Ryan remembers the remarkable sight of penguins swimming next to the boat. Awkward and comical on land, under water the penguins revealed the beauty of

the ground came out reading 56° (Celsius.) They dug a hole in the ground, filled it with water and created a natural hot tub.

This journey along the northeastern coast of Antarctica made Ryan and Adam committed adherents of the treaty which tries to protect it for all time.

They differ, however, on the continent's future as an eco-tourism destination.

Adam thinks that as long as the strict controls are put in place, everyone should have the chance to see such a world of wonders. Ryan thinks that such a goal is environmentally impossible and while everyone should know why the continent is so important to preserve, not everyone should discover it for themselves.

That's why they're looking forward to presenting photos and stories about their adventure at public forums. They think they'll be ready to invite the public to presentations at the Northern Lights Pavilion in late February or early March. (Ryan does, after all, have 22 rolls of film and Adam has more than 300 digital photos.)

The two have emerged as ardent environmentalists, passionate about the need to preserve and protect not only Antarctica, but the world around them. Now that they're back home, away from the nurturing environment created by being with people of like minds in a pristine setting, they know this will be more difficult, and their only hope is that their memories serve as a constant reminder of their role as global stewards.

Adam found himself asking "how can I come back to this world? (On the trip), everyone was co-operating and then you come back here and hear about hate and greed and violence. I would have turned around and gone back."

Pondering his future, he's torn about which career to pursue. A graduating student, he's got applications in for geology at McGill University, anthropology at the University of Calgary, philosophy at the University of British Columbia, political science at Carlton University and academia at Guelph University.

Before Ryan left for Antarctica, he was torn between his passion for natural resources and theatre (remember him in *Grease*?) Now he's pretty sure he wants a career in marine biology. "The only thing I don't want to end up doing is sit at a desk job. I want to experience life first hand."

Adam agrees. "I know how good it feels to explore. I'll never stay in one place."

If you're interested in learning more about their trip - and there is lots, lots more - then watch *The Echo* for details about their presentation in the upcoming weeks. Meanwhile, enjoy their photos on the next two pages.

“It's the purity. It's one of the only places in the world that's been relatively unaltered by humans... I thought I was stepping into the past.”

RYAN SISSON

their design. "It was the coolest thing I'd ever seen. It was so graceful and amazing. They were like bullets."

And penguins they saw. Not the tuxedoed emperor penguins most people think of, (although they did see one emperor chick that was far from its Antarctic home, probably after being cast adrift on an ice floe), but chinstraps, adeliies, gentoos, macaronis and rock hoppers.

"One picture that keeps going through my brain," says Ryan, "is Bailey Head on Deception Island."

Because the waters are so rough - the churning waters of Cape Horn are, after all, only a day or so away - few people are lucky enough to enter this haven of serene beauty. The island is a collapsed volcano and it gets its name because the rough waters leading to the narrow passage into its heart have deceived sailors into thinking it wasn't safe or prudent to try to land.

The seemingly barren interior of the island suddenly revealed itself to be the home of half a million nesting chinstrap penguin pairs. They'd climb the volcanic mountains, a journey of two and a half hours, in such numbers their path is called Penguin Highway.

"These are cliffs I'd hesitate climbing," Adam says.

Most adults would hesitate to dip more than a toe in the iceberg-laden waters of the Southern Ocean, but to celebrate their successful passage to this world of wonders, the students felt a swim was in order. Not giving themselves time to think about it, they ran into the water for as long as it took them to realize it was really, really cold, and then ran out to where a thermal bath was waiting for them on shore.

The volcano which had formed the island was still active under the surface, and a thermometer stuck into

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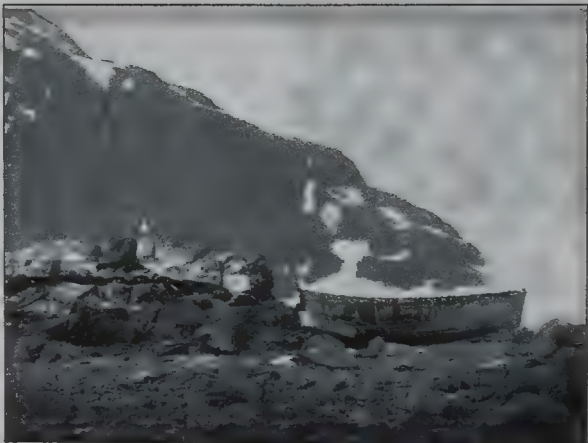


Into the White Continent



In this visual journey to Antarctica, clockwise from top of page, students perched on top of a volcanic mountain on Gourdine Island, look out onto the Southern Ocean; the voyage's ship, the Lyubov Orlova, waits in Neko Harbour; as beautiful as a painting, the sun shines down on an iceberg in Couverville; this old whaling boat speaks of a time when the continent was seen as a harvest ground; after swimming in the frigid waters of the Southern Ocean, students enjoy a homemade volcanic hot tub on Deception Island; and looming towers of ice had an extraordinary grace.

All photos by Adam Bathe except for the hot spring photo this page, and albatross photo, opposite page, by Ryan Sisson.





What would a trip to the Antarctic be without penguins?

Clockwise from top left: the students' very first landing was on the South Shetland Islands where gentoo and chinstrap penguins nest on a volcanic plug; gentoo penguins protect their chicks in a rookery on the island of Couverville; these adeliie penguins certainly have a roost with a view on Gourdine Island; a grey-headed albatross quietly cares for its young, seemingly oblivious to humanity's encroachment on Diego Ramirez, an island off the south coast of Chile; and a glacier, which is in the process of breaking apart to become icebergs, provides a backdrop for nesting adielias on Couverville. More photos and journey entries are available on www.studentsonice.sympatico.ca. Ryan and Adam also are planning public presentations at the Northern Lights Pavilion in a few weeks.

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Haliburton's Cross Country Ski Club staged two days of racing over the weekend that drew scores of university competitors as well as a number of local skiers. Local volunteers provided finish line timing, marshalling, help with registration and hot food for competitors and helpers in the Glebe Park clubhouse.



Watching the clock: Race organizer Blake Paton gives a competitor the start time countdown for Saturday's 10 K classic race.

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The finishing chute: Two competitors in the women's skating race on Sunday drive for the finish line. The race attracted university team skiers who posted some impressive times on the challenging course.



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Minor Tykes start new year with strong victories

by Nanci Hunter

The Curry Motors/Rowden Construction Minor Tykes are back on the ice facing some stiff competition in the new year.

On Jan. 7 they hosted to Woodville. Dillon Upton put in 2 and Marc Dobie put in one to give the Huskies a good lead by the end of the first. Woodville fought back in the second by shooting in two. Up by one it was still anyone's game in the third and both teams fought to win this game. Brett Yake and Marc each put one in only to have Woodville get them back. The sweat wasn't only running off the teams faces but on the coaches and parents faces as well until Brett scored the winning goal. On Jan. 13 they traveled to Fenelon Falls to battle this minor/major Tyke team. The size of this team wasn't going to intimidate them. Dalton Morrison was quick to get us on the scoreboard. Dillon, assisted by Mike Mazara and Samantha Tallman gave the Huskies a 2-1 lead by the middle of the second. They fought tooth and nail in the third but the extra year of experience by Fenelon gave them a bit of an advantage as they won 4-2.

On Jan. 14, they were home again to host to Minden, another minor/major tyke team. The Huskies played like pros keeping the action going back and forth. They kept Minden at bay until the middle of the second. Good playing by both teams made the game exciting to watch. Although Minden was ahead by four, Ryan Hunter made sure they wouldn't have a shut out by plunking one in the net with a minute left to play. A pat on the back to the Minden goalie who did a great job stopping shots made by Jonathon Salvatori, Cole Rowden, Dalton and Brett. And of course a pat on the back to Marc Dobie and Rob Lewis who were the goalies for these games and do whatever they can to stop the puck.

Great coaching by Ron Yake, Don Lewis and Bernie Upton. Mike, Samantha, Cole and Jonathon are great at their defensive skills but are also learning offside, icing and playing shorthanded. It's hard to believe when you watch these future NHLers that they are only six years old. A job well done by all.

Major Tykes begin 2001 at one and one

The Husky Major Tykes, on Saturday, January 6, were on the road again, this time to Port Perry. After everyone found the arena and Nick found a pair of skates, the pack was let loose. The action was fast-paced as Haliburton kept the pressure on Port Perry from the word go.

The highlight of the night came late in the first period when Brandon Yake made a sharp pass from the hash marks. Ian "Mario Lemeux" Bottum one-timed it from the slot for a blinding shot the goalie did not even see.

At the other end of the rink, Tom Nichol was between the pipes doing an excellent job protecting his net.

Port Perry's only goal of the game came on their one breakaway play. Zane Zondervan, Mark Vasey, Chris Judge and Ian prevented any more breakaways with their strong defensive skills. Both Zane and Mark have an uncanny ability to read the play and anticipate their opponent's moves.

Carson Roberts, Riley Maracle, Nick Freeman and Brandon were just like hound dogs on the scent as

they came so close to scoring numerous times. Chris found the key to beating Port Perry's netminder by picking the top corner for the go-ahead goal in the second. Chris used this same key two more times for a hat trick and a 4-1 win.

Sunday saw the Huskiest host Bobcaygeon. This was a physical game from start to finish as each team strived for the win. Bobcaygeon scored two quick goals midway through the first. But, the Huskies never lost their spirit or their determination. Brandon was backchecking at every opportunity. Riley and Tom were showing great ice coverage and lots of hustle. Defensively, Mark was Bobcaygeon's worst nightmare, as he continuously stopped any type of play from forming.

With the score 3-1 Bobcaygeon, the visitors managed to break through Haliburton's awesome defense. Goaltender Ian was up to the challenge and stopped that puck in its tracks. It was one of many nice saves he had made this day.

Bobcaygeon took this game, and the Huskies are looking forward to when they meet again.

Novice Bs hold their own on the weekend

by Wendy Sisson

The Novice B Huskies had a busy weekend schedule beginning Friday night when our boys played host to always threatening Minden Monarchs. This hockey rivalry dates back to about 400 B.C. and remains strong.

The Huskies appeared a little 'laid back' after a hard week's work at school allowing the Monarchs to get on the score board first. By the second the boys seemed to get charged up with a goal from Drew Paul assisted by Luke Watson to tie the game at 1. Adam VanNood was at the top of his game with some good back checking plays. The third period was full of motion as both teams worked to get breakaways only to be stopped up by the goalies. Curtis Nichol was firm in net and would not allow any more rubber past him.

The game would end, as had the last two, in a 1-1 tie. Saturday morning saw the boys travelling to Beaverton. This was a rough game, having our boys working hard on their skating and maneuvering ability. The eight minute mark proved to be tough on the Huskies as Beaverton scored in each 3 periods. Chris Judge would score the only goal for Haliburton in the

second from an impossible angle assisted by Adam VanNood. The defensive trio of Craig and Kevin Cooper and Riley Sisson saw their fair share of ice time during these two games and handled it like pros. Curtis Nichol looked like he had been taking lessons from the original Cujo as he made glove and stick saves a plenty. Beaverton would score again late in the third to end the game 1-4.

Sunday was back in Haliburton with Mariposa. Mark Vasey and Ian Bottum would supply some fill in work and made their presence known immediately. Ian would paste a pretty goal early in the first with a great set up by Adam VanNood and Craig Cooper. Mark Vasey was not shy against these bigger players and made some quick thinking clearing plays while Kevin Cooper could be seen taking his time eying up the best play to make. Then with 11 seconds left in the second Ian Bottum would strike pay dirt again with assists from Ryan Richards and Mark Vasey. Brett Yavis was quick and tough to beat along the boards much to Mariposa's dismay. Drew Paul would find the net at the half way point of the third with the helper going to Craig Cooper, making the final score 3-1 Haliburton.

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Atom B's record first win as 2000 comes to a close

by Richard Van Nood

On Sunday, December 30, the Rodco Enterprises Atom B Huskies travelled to Sunderland to play their last game of the year 2000. The game turned out to be the Huskies' coming out game as they recorded their first win of the 2000/2001 campaign.

Playing with an extremely short bench of only seven skaters, the Atom Bs came out with an inspired effort. Not only did they play hard for the whole game, but they also played as a team, with everyone doing the job he/she was assigned. The end result: 6 - 0 in favour of the blue and white.

Brittney van Nood, playing in net for only the second time, recorded the shut-out. The trio of Robert Lowes, Caleb Campbell, and Andrew Cooper, provided a brick wall defence around the net. Chase Thurston, Jesse Woodward, Robert Chapman and Carson Metcalfe provided the offence. With relentless forechecking, the Sunderland team spent most of the game in their own end.

Sunday, January 7, saw the Sunderland team visit Haliburton for the second game. Again Brittney van Nood was between the pipes. On defence were Andrew Cooper, Robert Lowes and Curtis Nichol (on loan to us from the Novice B team). Forwards included Chase Thurston, Jesse Woodward, Carson Metcalfe, Eli Stamp and Adam van Nood (another call-up from the Novice Bs).

The combination of a well prepared Sunderland team and a new line-up for the Huskies made this a much closer game. The first period ended 0 - 0, but, in the second and third periods, Haliburton would come alive and the game would end in a 5 - 2 Haliburton win. Congratulations, team, on a pair of well deserved wins.

Novice A's success continues with Minden Tournament Championship

by Sherrill Sherwood

In the Haliburton Minor Hockey Association's dictionary, "Cole Scheffee" means; a Novice A player in his fifth year of hockey; a centreman/winger with excellent skating and shooting skills; a Husky team member who never gives up; a hockey player who knows the true meaning of the word "teammate". Luckily for this year's Husky Novice A's, Cole Scheffee is planted in the heart of the team. Cole's many talents were well used as the A's five game weekend unfolded.

On the night of January 12, the pumped-up Huskies arrived in Beaverton to challenge the "tough guys" who had defeated them two weeks prior. Adrenalin was high when defenseman Lane Schmid fired a shot that was deflected and whizzed past Beaverton's goalie.

Haliburton had pressure on the home team for most of the first period. A tie up goal for Beaverton didn't daunt the Huskies' spirit and a lively game continued. A beautiful pass from Cole Scheffee to C.J. Clarkson resulted in a go-ahead goal for the visitors.

Beaverton would score one more before it was done but the 2-2 tie game was happily accepted by the nine Huskies who gave their all that night.

Haliburton County Novice A teams ruled at the Minden Tournament the next day as Minden took the "B" Championship and Haliburton the "A" Championship. Haliburton's first game against Mariposa was a close one that jolted the boys awake. A goal in the third period made it 2-1 Huskies, which led them to another tough game, against Minden. This exciting show was tied 3-3 at the end of the third period.

The overtime play was down to three players each team when the puck was shot into Minden's crease and spun on the line for what seemed like minutes. The

Minden goalie stretched as far as possible to reach it but Haliburton poked it in and proceeded to jump on top of their own goalie. A game well played on both sides.

With the scent of an "A" title now obtainable, the Huskies hunted the bouncy, black rubber disk from one end of the arena to the other in the third game against Sunderland.

Haliburton knew these to be a sometimes pesty prey that are hard to hold down. This was a 2-2 game that also went into overtime and went down to three players each team. An enormous effort by Cole Scheffee gave him the game winning goal, and a hat trick, to the delight of his equally hard-working teammates.

Total points for the tournament were; Cole Scheffee - 4 goals, 4 assists; Scott Griffith - 2 goals, 1 assist; J.L. Frybort - 1 assist; Ryan Sherwood - 3 goals, 1 assist; Lane Schmid - 2 assists; C.J. Clarkson - 2 assists; Brady Yavis - 1 assist. MVP'S were Cole Scheffee - 1st game; Ryan Sherwood - 2nd game; Lane Schmid - 3d game.

In the last regular season game, the Novice A's met at home with Omemee on Jan. 14. This was the first team they had played in the fall and Omemee had won. With

Haliburton fans "emotionally drained" from the previous day's events, most of the shouting could be heard from the Omemee spectators, especially when they were first on the scoreboard. Defenseman Jarrett Donaldson got a full workout keeping the visitor's out of the Husky zone. A tie up goal by Ryan Sherwood and then another one from the stick of J.L. Frybort brought the house down and proved there was still life left in Haliburton's devotees after all.

Omemee roared again as they tied it up. Back up goalie Jay Winfield's tremendous week-end of net-keeping would continue to keep the Huskies alive in this fifth game in 44 hours. An amazing glove save gave the Huskies even more incentive to forge ahead and win 4-2, to effectively quieten the nice folks from Omemee.

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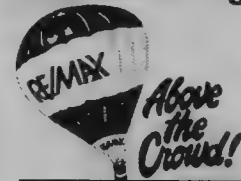
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Association provides opportunity for disabled to enjoy the ski slopes

ERIK MARTENSSON

Staff Reporter

As thousands of Ontarians head to the slopes this season dozens of disabled youth and children will be joining them at ski hills like Sir Sam's Ski Area in Eagle Lake thanks to the Ontario Track 3 Association for the Disabled.

The Track 3 Association is a non-profit charitable organization that teaches physically, mentally and emotionally disabled youth and children how to downhill ski. Track 3 gets its name from the three tracks left in the snow by an amputee skiing on one ski and two outriggers.

Organizers say Track 3 is a program that lets children and youths with varying levels of disability improve their self-confidence and esteem through the joy of downhill skiing. The program was launched by the Easter Seal Society 27 years ago by a small group of dedicated volunteers and incorporated into the Ontario Track 3 Ski Association in 1987.

Soon after its inception the program expanded to serve more than just amputees, children with disabilities such as spina bifida and cerebral

palsy are welcomed into the program along with brain-injured, autistic and intellectually impaired youth. Track 3 says giving them the opportunity to do something they thought impossible and ski brings a new found sense

instructors the previous weekend. The local program will extend for seven weeks and will be adapted to the needs of each individual participant.

Track 3 currently operates only in Southern Ontario where demand already far outstrips available resources. To make Track 3 skiing available across the province, the association has launched the Miracle Mountain Fundraising program that will allow Track 3 to form partnerships with virtually every ski resort in Ontario, thus making it accessible to families who live throughout the province. The goal is to accommodate 1,000 children and youth within the program. Organizers say the program's success would not be possible without the cooperation and support of ski hill operators such as the Bishop Family of Sir Sam's.

Track 3 is also seeking to expand its base of financial support through appeals to individuals, organizations, companies and government. Money is needed not only for the specialized equipment and programs, but to find and

train volunteers.

To take part in the Track 3 program or inquire about volunteer opportunities call toll free 1-877-30-TRACK or visit their website at track3.org



ERIK MARTENSSON/ECHO

The Ontario Track 3 Association for the disabled were busy training instructors at Sir Sam's Ski Area in Eagle Lake a couple of weekends ago in preparation for providing disabled skiers an opportunity to enjoy the hill.

of belief in oneself and the knowledge that other achievements are also within their grasp.

The association did assessments of participants at Sir Sam's this past Saturday and were training volunteer

Bantams lose two on the road

by Nicole Cooper

Last Saturday, the Ridgewood Ford Bantams played in Millbrook against the Stars in a 5 to 1 game. In the first period, the boys looked strong, playing their kind of hockey and keeping right up to Millbrook. Unfortunately, this did not keep up after Millbrook scored their first goal at the end of the period. Millbrook would proceed to score two more, before Haliburton's Jeremy Miscio would put one on the board, unassisted. That was it for the Huskies, with the Stars planting two more pucks in our net to end the game.

The next night the boys travelled to Ops where they would face another lose. The final score of this game was 6 to 3. Jason Chambers, Matt Roberts and Joel Johnson scored the three goals for the Huskies. Norm Smith got two assists, while Shawn MacInnes, Matt Rail and Joey Sisson each got one.

This week the Bantams begin playoffs against their long-time rivals, the Millbrook Stars. Starting tonight in Millbrook and then back here on Friday at 7:00 p.m. eastern time. So come on out and cheer them on.

Haliburton Husky Home Game Schedule

January 20, PeeWee vs Wilberforce, 5:00
January 28, Novice B vs Sunderland, 4:15
February 10, Mite vs Woodville, 1:00
February 18, Mite vs Minden, 10:30

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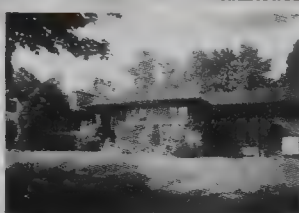


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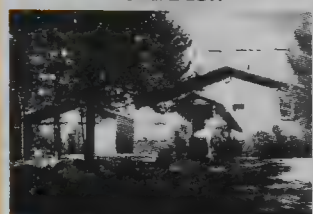


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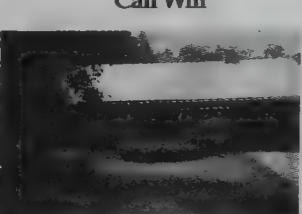


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Husky Mites dig in to stay undefeated

by Wade MacInnes

Eenie, Mennie, Mynie, Moe, catch a tiger by the toe, if his name is Stoughton, let him go or he'll mutton ya!

Big Tyler Stoughton was a key ingredient in the two Huskie Mite Victories over the weekend. His physical presence and deep growl keep the opposing players honest. Being drafted to protect the smaller skilled players Stoughton knows his role and says "If I chip one in for the team, it's a bonus!"

Down in Fenelon on Saturday morning the Huskie Mites took on the flyers in a barn burner. Fenelon opened the scoring early in the first period but minutes later Doni MacInnes hit Zack Boice with a beau-

ty break-a-way pas and the Hammer buried it to tie the game. This inspired the entire Huskie squad and in a goal mouth scramble at the flyer net Tiger Stoughton let out a roar causing a Fenelon defence-man to shoot the puck into his own net after jumping out of his C.C.M.S.'s. Smiling at the corner of the net was Jake Sisson who got credit for the goal with Tiger picking up the assist. After that the flood gates opened for the blue and white. Liam Wilcox and Jake combined in setting up big Stew Chaulk who ripped a lazer beam low to the stick side. Seconds later Boice plunked one up and over the sprawling Flyer goalie with MacInnes and Ty Barry drawing the helpers. Just before the first period buzzer went Nick Hunter picked a

Flyers pocket, did a Savardian Spinorama and bulged the twine with a wicked wrist shot giving the Huskies a 5-1 lead. The ticked off Flyers in front of their home fans tried to mount a comeback in the second period but were held scoreless by excellent defensive plays from Stew Chaulk, Riley Tait and Connor Holowachuk. Rookie Ty Barry stoned a Flyer break-a-way with an awesome pad stacking save.

After weathering the orange storm in the second the Huskies turned on the after-burners with Zack Boice scoring three consecutive and Stew Chaulk bagging the final goal to cap the 9-1 victory.

Sunday morning the Churko Furniture-I.G.A. Haliburton Mites hosted the Mariposa Lightning #1 team. Scotty's

finger got a callous from flicking the red light on for the Huskies as they improved their undefeated streak to 8 games with a convincing 7-0 win. Tallying for the pups were Zack with 2 goals and 2 assists, Riley Tait with four assists, Donovan with the hat-trick, Stew with two goals, Ty Barry with three helpers and single assists from Liam, Nick, Tiger, Connor and Jake. (Great team work!!) Thanks to chicken soup and physio the team is glad to have "Liam" back and wishes "Nate" a speedy recovery from his nasty ear infection.

Come on out to the local shrine on Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. and watch some fun hockey at its purest as the Huskies host the Huntsville Blues.

Atom A Huskies end regular season in first place

by Patti Tallman

The Gary Burtch Construction/Valu Mart Atom A team end their season on first place overall. They came back after the Christmas break playing four more awesome games of hockey to end their season on January 14th.

Friday January 5th they hosted Omemee in a real nail bitter. With lots of hard work they persevered and managed to come up with a solid 3-2 win.

Sunday Jan. 7th they travelled to Sunderland for some real entertainment. The Huskies played the game of hockey and it was not unnoticed how hard each team member played. The final score of the game was tied 3-3. Ian Sachs played both games with great heads up action.

The team hosted Fenelon Falls Friday, Jan. 12, playing a dominating game of hockey. With persistence they travelled the surface of the ice, end to end with some precise passing all heads up and moving in for some nice goals.

They were down 3-0 in the first period but ended the first only lacking one goal to tie it up. They won the game hands down, final score 8-5.

It was then off to Fenelon Sunday Jan. 14 for some awesome hockey. Dominating the game again, they displayed precise passing, fast back checking and great fore checking winning again with a final score 6-4. They travelled end to end with some beauty goals, with Daniel Paul scoring two. Way to go Daniel.

Way to go guys for ending the season #1. Congratulations to the coaching staff and each team player for working so hard from day one, each player totally dedicated to each other and coming out on top. You have made the coaching staff and your parents proud.

The team is participating in the 43rd Annual Peterborough Lift Lock hockey tournament starting this Wednesday with three scheduled games.

Wed. Jan. 17 at 8:15 p.m. Evinrude Centre, Peterborough

Fri. Jan. 19 at 4:30 p.m. Otonabee (Keene)

Sat. Jan. 20 at 2:00 p.m. Dourou

The play-offs start against Millbrook next week, the first scheduled game is in Haliburton next Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.

With at least 64 hours of volunteer time from the dedicated coaching staff, they have brought together a great team and gave the kids the confidence to go out on the ice, play the game of hockey and have fun. The season was filled with good competition, meeting a mixture of teams providing us with some wonderful entertainment and a little nail biting. The coaching staff, Dan Ambridge, Ted Vasey, Debbie Watson, Jim Winn, Scott Watson, Brian Sachs and Tim Smith and the team, Ian Sachs, Daniel Paul, Jesse Tallman, Mitch Vasey, Kenton Winn, Ryan Scheffee, Dallyn Smith, Steven Miscio, Devin Hunter, Max Ambridge and Tyler Watson thank their dedicated fans for their continuous support.

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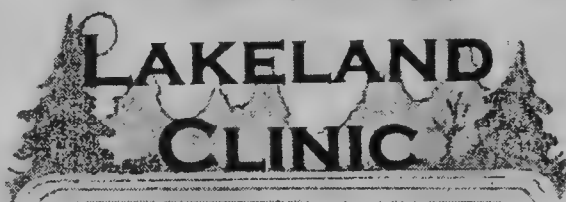
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Tight battles greet Atom A's at beginning of new year

by Patti Tallman

The Atom A Huskies and their parents hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season and wish you all a very Happy New Year. Even though the guys did not have any scheduled games over the holidays they managed to squeeze in a couple of practices between turkey dinners.

After a well deserved break, the Gary Burtch Construction/Valu-Mart Atom A team came back strong playing two games the weekend before last. Friday, January 5, they hosted Omemee playing a real nailbiter and providing us, again, with another entertaining game.

Omeme took off quickly with two goals in the first period so the Huskies came back hard in the second, keeping Omeme off the scoreboard. Tyler Watson scored in the second, assisted by Kenton Winn to leave the score 2 - 1 for Omeme going into the third period.

The team regrouped in the dressing room during intermission and came out with some great defensive plays and persistent backchecking. They played hard and had solid checks and Mitch Vasey scored a beauty goal to tie the game, assisted by Devin Hunter. This applied a bit of pressure, having equal end-to-end plays, but the Huskies came out a little stronger with Devin Hunter scoring the go-ahead goal, assisting Mitch Vasey and Kenton Winn.

On Sunday night, they travelled to Sunderland for another nailbiter. The Huskies played the game of hockey but it was hit and miss for both teams. The guys pressed on and kept up the hard work, each team member putting forth their best effort keeping goalie Ian Sachs well guarded. The final score of the game was tied 3 - 3.

Ian played both games with great heads-up action. Way to go guys, keep up the good work!

Men's Bonspiel slides into Haliburton Curling Club this coming weekend

by Wayne Hussey

The 42nd Annual Skyline Men's Curling Bonspiel takes place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 19, 20 and 21 at the Haliburton Curling Club.

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Finding time for yourself

We are all so busy these days that we do not seem to be able to find time for you. Finding time for you is as important as having time for your family. Do you feel like you are the one that does all the work and has no free time to play? The kids go to hockey or skating or whatever it is they do, your mate goes and does whatever it is he does and there are you left to pick up the slack.

Well, if that is the way you are feeling do something about it, set aside one night a week that is for you and let hubby look after the kids and dinner and (haha) dishes. Go out and do a hobby or sport you enjoy, something that is just for you.

Look in the local paper, ask your friends, or look in the phone book for activities you might enjoy, try something

new and you may find that you really enjoy it, if you do not try something else.

Good luck and have fun.

Recipe of the week - French Toast

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8 tsp. skim milk
1/2 tsp. vanilla
4 slices fat-free whole-wheat bread
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PeeWees win last regular season by large margin

Huskies go on to face Millbrook in first round of playoffs

by Roy Burk

On Jan. 12th, the OMHA PeeWee Huskies' regular season ended with a game at home against Bobcaygeon. The first meeting of the year ended with us winning 12-0 and this game wasn't played any differently. Although, there were only two goals scored in the first period (all Husky), the second and third period totals were thirteen. The Huskies totally dominated the game in all aspects except penalties. Chris Johnston didn't receive a lot of shots on net but a couple of times, at least, he had to

come up big to earn his shutout. The result was a fifteen to nothing victory.

Playoffs start for us at home on Jan. 23rd at 8:45. Millbrook Stars are our first opponents and hopefully not our last. Although we beat them twice before, the games were decided by only one goal. Our coaching staff, consisting of head coach Pete Johnson, asst. Coach Rob Abbs, trainer Norm Bottum, manager Dan MacMillan and myself, have worked hard to prepare our team. I'm sure the Huskies will give us a 110 percent no matter what happens. Hopefully, the stands will be full with spectators to cheer us on. Good luck guys.

Nailbiting victory for Minor Tykes over Hurricanes

by Nanci Hunter

It was back to the ice Sunday, January 7 for the Curry Motors/Rowden Construction Minor Tykes after a three-week break from games. They were home to host the Woodville Hurricanes.

The kids have been practising at home and were pumped up to show their skills. Marc Dobie was first on the scoresheet as Mike Mazara made a beautiful pass to get the assist. It was back and forth action 'til the end of the first when Dillon Upton made it clear that the Huskies were going to take a strong lead by putting in two goals within a minute and a half.

Woodville took action during the second. They had to work hard for the two goals they got during the second though as Samantha Tallman was superior in her defensive skills, Marlee Gadway showed off her passing skills and Ryan Hunter danced around them

with the puck.

Up by one in the third, the tension mounted as not only are the Huskies still learning offside but are also learning to play short-handed. The pressure was on for both teams. The Huskies upped the lead by goals from Brett Yake and Marc Dobie, Woodville played a "back at ya" strategy by popping two more goals in.

It was anyone's game in the last few minutes of play. Jonathon Salvatori, Dalton Morrison and Cole Rowden showed off their passing skills and took turns shooting at the net but the buzzer just wasn't on their side.

There was excellent goaltending by Rob Lewis who stopped at least 15 shots using the blocker, the pads, the glove and even his face guard.

Final score of this nail biting tension-packed game was 6 - 5 for the Huskies. It's hard to believe when you watch these kids and see the passing and the puck handling, that they are only six years old. A job well done by Ron Yake, Bernie Upton and Don Lewis.



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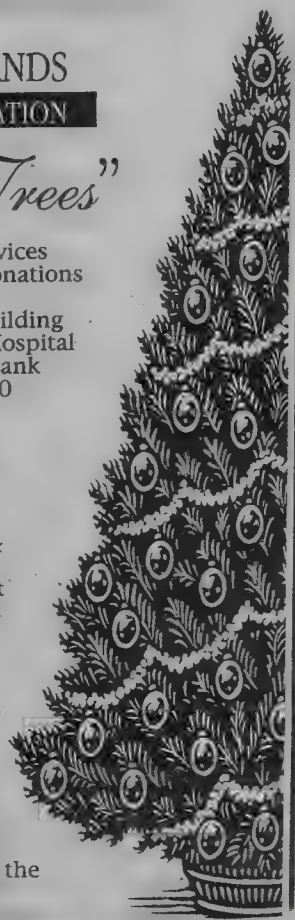
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Bird count shows some surprises

Goldfinches here in record numbers, Evening Grosbeaks lowest since 1968

by DENNIS BARRY,
Count Compiler

The winter finch population on this year's Christmas Bird Count was pretty much as expected. While Northern Ontario has large numbers of most winter finches, only small numbers of most of these species made their way south to Haliburton County. The exception was American Goldfinch which were present in record numbers (1325, more than three times the previous high of 412 in 1996). Almost everyone with a feeding station had goldfinches. While the males are not as colourful as they were in their brilliant yellow and black of summer, they seem just as cheerful with their bubbly calls. In contrast only a few people reported Pine Siskins, three had Evening Grosbeaks, two saw Purple Finches and only one Common Redpoll visited a feeder on December 16, although two were reported at another feeder the day after. The 25 Evening Grosbeaks was the lowest number since 1968, the year after the count began. Peak numbers were in 1990 and 1991 with nearly 1200 each year. No Pine Grosbeaks were found, although a few are present in Algonquin Park just to the north.

Both Red and White-winged Crossbills were present in small numbers. These

finches are so specialized in their feeding habits that their bills have evolved so that the ends of the upper and lower mandibles are crossed. This enables them to open cones of various trees in order to extract the seeds. White-winged Crossbills feed on the smaller cone of spruce, hemlock and tamarack. Recent studies seems to indicate that Red Crossbills may actually be divided into several different species, since their bill sizes vary greatly. Some small-billed Red Crossbills feed on eastern hemlock, while other large-billed Red Crossbills are adapted to open the larger, stronger cones of various pines.

Wintering owls are difficult to locate, since they are not vocal at this time of year, and most are nocturnal. A southward movement of northern owls had occurred this fall and winter. While a Northern Hawk Owl was seen near Kinmount earlier in December, the deep snow no doubt prompted it to move to an area where hunting mice would be easier. A Saw-whet owl has reported earlier in December as well, and some probably remain, but none could be found on the count. Even Algonquin Park failed to find a barred owl for the first time in the history of that count, although there were two Great Gray Owls in the Park on December 30.

Thanks to those of you who reported sightings of Wild Turkeys. While none were reported during count week (December 14 to 19), some were seen before and after those dates. Last year's reports of Wild Turkeys were mostly from areas to the north around Carnarvon, Hall's Lake and Hawk Lake. The origin of these birds is hard to determine for sure. This year most reports are from the southern part of the county, concentrated in southern Lutterworth Township. In late May a gobbler and two hens were seen near Miner's Bay. The gobbler was displaying suggesting that young were probably raised later. A flock of 10 along the Davis Lake road in June and smaller numbers along the east side of Gull Lake this fall support that theory. There have been substantial numbers of Wild Turkey in the Norland/Fenelon Falls area for several years. Two mild winters, no doubt, allowed them to expand their population and move north into Haliburton. A good acorn crop this fall probably encouraged this movement. The deep snows have already driven some of them to seek food in barnyards. No doubt others will do the same. If you spot any wild turkeys, I would be interested in hearing about them.

Once again, thanks to everyone who

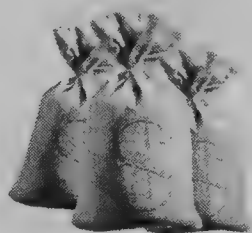
made this year's Christmas Bird Count a success. Thirteen people braved less an ideal weather searching for birds and forty-five more reported on species visiting their feeders. If you have information to add, but haven't sent it in yet, there is still a little time before the count has to be finalized. You can e-mail me at dbarry@interlinks.net, phone me at (905) 725-2216, or write to me at Thicksen's Point, R.R.#2, Whitby, Ont. L1N 5R5.

Also a summer project known as the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas will be getting underway in the spring of 2001. It will last for 5 years and will attempt to determine what birds are nesting in various parts of the province. For the purpose of this project the province is divided up into 10 kilometre squares and surveys are done within each square to determine what birds are found there. Ed Poropat (edporopat@halhinet.on.ca) 457-3018 is coordinating the collection of data for this project for Haliburton County. Your help would be invaluable in determining what birds are present in your neighbourhood in summer. More detailed information will be available later in the winter about this, but spread the word and contact Ed if you are interested in getting involved.

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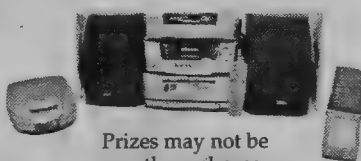


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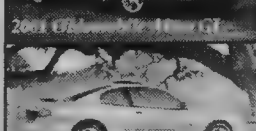
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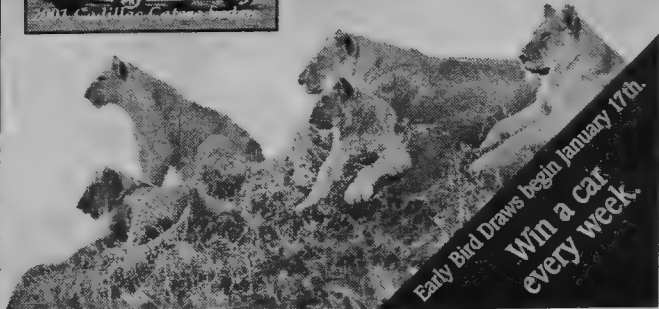


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MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

A recent raffle will help the Haliburton Figure Skating Club pay for ice time, provide skater development and ensure all senior skaters will get the chance to meet 1988 Olympic Silver Medalist Elizabeth Manley. Here, the club's Leslie Tusch and Linda Kay present the prizes to Ken Freeman, Sarah Munro and Christopher Greaves.

Snow-covered lakes full of activity

"Nothing will give one indigestion quicker than having to eat one's own words."

We send happy birthday wishes to Marg Walkden, David Bradbury, Samantha Black, Shirley Brown and to Madison Marie Allore.

There must be a great deal of snow on the ground as it seems that so much has fallen. At times the view over the lake is partially obscured with swirling snow or fog, depending on the

temperature.

I'm sure that people with snow machines are delighted with the winter weather. I know the activity on the lake is almost continuous. I wouldn't trust the ice's safety myself. However, I'm a scaredy cat, so don't go by what I say!

H.H. - Never spray a framed picture with window cleaner. It can seep under the frame and mark what is underneath. Spray the cloth first, then wipe.

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U-Links puts out call for research proposals

by Kate Hall

U-Links Program Co-ordinator

The time has come once again to put a call out into the community for research proposals. The U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research invites organizations, businesses and municipalities who have a research question that they would like to have answered, an issue to be investigated or information to be collected and examined, to submit a research proposal to us. We will review the proposal and contact you with any questions that we may have about the research project before advertising it to students at Trent University. U-Links' role is to bring the resources of the university to the community and the resources of the community to the university.

Timing is important. Upper year students at Trent pre-register for courses in April for the following school year. This means that research proposals from community organizations need to be in to U-Links beforehand so that preparations can be made to have them advertised to students. The sooner we have the proposal, the sooner we can get the projects onto the website for students to review as they make decisions about courses. You are always welcome to submit a research proposal to us at anytime, however,

your chances of it being picked up by a student are greater if you get it in to us early in the new year.

Third and fourth year Trent University students can now take a course in Community-Based Research (CBR) in any discipline of study from Environmental Science and Geography to Computer Studies and Sociology. Students who take a CBR course, make the research project the focus of their course work and spend either one term (Sept. - Dec.) or the full school year (Sept. - Apr.) working on it. Research projects can also be undertaken as part of a student's work within another course, for example doing research on the artist Andre Lapine within a course in Canadian Studies. Also, students doing their masters and doctoral theses often undertake community-based research projects. What this means for you is that you have a huge pool of knowledge, skill and resources to draw from in terms of answering questions that are important to this community.

For more information and to obtain a research proposal form, contact Kate Hall at the U-Links Centre, by phone 286-2411 or by email ulinks@on.aibn.com. For general information about U-Links and the Community-Based Education Program, visit the Haliburton County Community Co-operative's website at www.haliburtoncooperative.on.ca.

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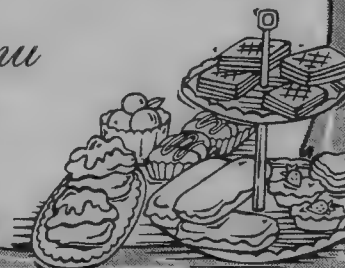
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The New Year has begun the regular round of monthly or weekly meetings. Bingo on Mon. nights continues at the Centre, Euchre Tues. nights, Yoga classes on Wed. evening, and the monthly committee meeting on the third Thursday.

Scottish Country Dancing every Mon. night at the J. D. Hodgson school still encourages newcomers.

Weavers meet monthly, second Tues. at the Rails' End Gallery - alternate months at the Pritchard House, Minden.

Concert Series Committee meets at Rails' End on the third Tues. of the month in

afternoon 4:30 p.m. Call or just come if you would like to join us as we tend to details of the year's concerto, the first being Mark-André Hamelin, pianist of excellence on Feb. 17.

Congratulations to Charlie and Jessica Allison on the birth of their son, Jacob on Christmas Eve, 2000, and congratulations to the

Alliston grandparents as well. The Rev. Maggie Milne is now incumbent of the northern part of Stoney Lake Parish, that is the churches of St. George the Martyr at Apsley and St. Stephen's, Chandos.

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
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ERIK MARTENSSON/Echo

The Haliburton Bank of Montreal was happy to present the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation with a cheque for \$5,500 last week. The donation is the second installment of a \$22,000 pledge the bank has made to the foundation. Dale Walker of the HHHSF reminds everyone that all pledges, no matter what the amount, are welcome and can be donated over a three to five year period.

On hand for the cheque presentation were Sharon Sinclair, Barb Wood, Nelly Ashworth, Dale Walker, Dave Gray, Brenda Fearrey, Don Popple, Tyler Lockhart, Cathy Chumbley and Sheri Whiteway.

Haliburton to celebrate World Religion Day

The clergy of Dysart et al invite everyone to a celebration of World Religion Day on January 21 in Haliburton.

For the past 50 years in Canada many communities, organizations and individuals have been celebrating World Religion Day as a way of increasing understanding and respect among members of different faiths.

In a world where technology and

communications bring to awareness so many religious, cultural and racial diversities, often the cause of misunderstanding and conflict, the purpose of World Religion Day is to focus on human and spiritual values people share in common.

The members of the Baha'i Community of Dysart et al are celebrating World Religion Day on January 21 at 2 p.m. at the Home of Omar Walmsley and Liz Doble (on

Pine St directly opposite the Wild Oats Cafe). You and members of your congregation are invited to join them - it will include prayers from several faiths, music, informal discussion, and light refreshments. This invitation comes from the heart with hopes that all of us may come to know each other better working together in and for our community. For more information phone 457-2979.

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF TROOPER LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter M45, Section 297 and Section 300 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Wilberforce, Ontario on Tuesday, the 27th day of February, 2001, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 29, Concession 3, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by B.A. Nickerson, O.L.S., dated November 6, 2000.

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at Wilberforce, Ontario this 11th day of January, 2001.

Sharon Stoughton-Craig
Clerk-Treasurer

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NOTICE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART

(Applicant - John MacMillan)

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Lot 12, in Concession 5, on Haliburton Lake, in the geographic Township of Harburn, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, February 12th, 2001, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 6 on Plan 19R-6863, a plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS, and dated December 31st, 1999, being available for inspection in the office of the Township Planner at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 9th day of January, 2001.

Patricia E. Martin
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THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

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Applicants are invited to reply to the undersigned by 4:00pm, Friday, February 9th, 2001.

A complete job description is available at the Municipal Office.

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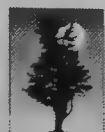
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The Role:

The Chief Building Official will oversee the Building and By-law Enforcement Department of the Municipality. The Chief Building Official is responsible for managing the enforcement of the Ontario Building Code, Provincial Legislation and Municipal By-laws and all other applicable laws, in order to ensure compliance.

The Successful Applicant:

- Must have attained a Certified Building Code Official designation and have a good understanding and knowledge of property standards by-laws, site plan control by-laws, the Ontario Building Code, and any other relevant by-laws and applicable federal and provincial laws as they relate to the use of and occupancy of buildings and land.
- Must have a solid understanding of construction techniques and a demonstrated ability to read and interpret plans and blueprints, in order to carry out inspections to verify code compliance and/or highlight any inadequacies/violations.
- Must be knowledgeable of cost estimating, including specification writing and materials, and tendering procedures.
- Must be knowledgeable of the Ontario Fire Code in order to assess building safety/compliance.
- Must have a good understanding of municipal by-laws, the Provincial Offences Act and other related legislation.
- Must possess strong communication and inter-personal skills; a working knowledge of word processing and spreadsheet computer software applications; excellent planning/time management and organizational skills.
- Must have a minimum of five years experience as a Chief Building Official and By-law Enforcement Officer.
- Must be experienced in the supervision of staff and the administration of employment policies. Experience in the administration of collective agreements is an asset.

Compensation for the position will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. A comprehensive benefit package will be available. A detailed position description is available by contacting the undersigned.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit a resume in confidence, clearly marked "C.B.O. Application", by 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, January 31, 2001, to:
Township of Minden Hills, P.O. Box 359, Minden, Ontario. K0M 2K0. Attention: Ms. Tammy McKelvey, CAO/Clerk. e-mail: tmckelvey@county.haliburton.on.ca
Telephone: (705) 286-1260. Fax: (705) 286-4917.

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505 GENERAL HELP WANTED

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You are invited
to a meeting to:

- Hear about the French Immersion Program being offered at Stuart Baker Elementary in Haliburton
- Talk with parents of students in the program
- Find out if this program would be good for your child

Where: Stuart Baker
Elementary School
(French Immersion
Classroom - room 101)

When: Wednesday, January 24
Time: 6:30 p.m.

For more information,
call Debbie Wales, Principal
Stuart Baker Elementary
School - 457-1342

CA

FUR HARVESTERS WORKSHOP & FUN DAY

Minden Community Centre
January 21, 2001
9:30 - 4:30

Food - Booths - Exhibitions
Fur Fashion Show
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Sunday, Jan. 21 @ 6:30 p.m.
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and Richard Taylor
286-1908

701 COMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 27 Psychic Readings by Rose

Tape provided - \$50. per reading
Book ahead.

Sunday, January 28 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Negative Core Belief Workshop by Rose

Learn how to work towards
creating a life that you truly want
and deserve by finding what
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blocking you.

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CA

**WEIGHT WATCHER NEW WIN-
NING POINTS PROGRAM.** Join
the Community Meeting in Hal-
iburton. Registration/Week 1 Meet-
ing: Monday, January 29, 6:30 p.m.,
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Church, Oak Ave., Haliburton. SPE-
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imum number of members required
to join for series to begin. All mem-
bers required to pay for the full se-
ries on January 29. Call 1-800-461-
2246 for more information.

CA

703 LOST & FOUND

FOUND: At Dover Springs in Hal-
iburton Village - Men's tinted bifoc-
al glasses, on January 10, 2001.
Can be picked up at Haliburton
County Echo office.

704 ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER of the MINDEN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

sponsors of the
Haliburton County Fair
At the Pepper Mill Restaurant
Highway 35, north of Minden
Time: 6 p.m. drinks
7 p.m. dinner
Cost: per person \$16.00
January 20, 2001
Contact Sue Eskelin - 286-2996

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705 WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Herman and Heather Poppe are
pleased to announce the engage-
ment of their son

MICHAEL POPPE

to

PAULA MEGRAH

daughter of Barrie Megrah. Wed-
ding date to be announced.

707 BIRTHS

GODFREY: A precious little Christ-
mas present arrived early for proud
parents, Lisa and Scott Godfrey,
and big brother, Alexander, of Rich-
mond Hill, Ont. A baby girl,
STEPHANIE DAWN GA-YUN

was born on

December 23, 2000

at 4:47 p.m. at

Scarborough Grace

Hospital, weighing 7 lbs.

Extremely happy grandparents are
Bill and Jean Godfrey of West Guil-
ford and Shuet Ying Chow of Thom-
hill.

GRIFFIN: Dale, Rochelle and big
sister Natalie would like to welcome,
IAN REID GRIFFIN

to the world,

born December 21, 2000

8 lbs., 14 oz.

Haliburton Hospital

**OUR EARLY
CHRISTMAS PRESENT!**
O'NEIL/ELLEMS: Scott and
Jannine are delighted to announce
the arrival of their Christmas angel,
GABRIELLE ELIZABETH

born December 18, 2000

at Lakeridge Health Centre,

Oshawa

weighing 8 lbs., 2 oz.

Proud grandparents are Elizabeth
Ellems of Helensvale, Australia,
John Ellems of the Gold Coast,
Australia, and Chuck and Janet
O'Neil of Haliburton. First-time great
grandparents are Norm and Virgie
Ward of Oshawa.

THE EAGLE HAS LANDED! In fly-
ing fashion...

AIDEN JAMES WILCOX

landed at Haliburton Hospital

December 18, 2000

at 3:12 a.m.

weighing 8 lbs., 3 oz.

Mary, Stephen, Jenna, Summer
and Liam praise God and give
thanks for his safe arrival. Proud
grandparents are James (Jim)
Donovan, Dorothy Wilcox and Brad
Thomson; and greatly missed were
Grandma Marian Donovan and
Great Grandma Dolly Robertson.
Special thanks to Dr. Ferracuti,
nurse Francea and all the staff that
wonderfully cared for Mary and
Aiden. CA

704 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Services of Haliburton County is now
recruiting long-term paid caregivers. Plan to
attend our discussion groups Thursday nights
from 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m. to explore how you
could become a member of our pool of families
that are opening their hearts and homes to pre-
adolescent children.

Family Services is also looking for Community
Resource Liaisons to help make Circles of Care
a reality-if you feel you could be of assistance in
this capacity, please join us for our sessions.
Next meeting January 18th.

Call Fay Martin at 457-5345 for more details!



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708 OBITUARIES

**KATHLEEN (BABE) MAY BATES
(STOUGHTON):** Peacefully at
Ross Memorial Hospital on
Wednesday, January 10, 2001, in
her 79th year. Beloved wife of the
late Herb Bates. Loving mother of
Helen of Toronto and Kenneth of
Tory Hill. Sadly missed by her brothers
Clifford of Gooderham and
Terry of Oshawa and many nieces,
nephews, relatives and friends. Pre-
deceased by her parents Jim and
Bertha Stoughton, brothers Hilliard
and Lloyd and sisters Olive, Gladys,
Helen and Lydia. Friends were in-
vited to call at the HALIBURTON
COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME,
Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario
(705) 457-9209, on Friday evening,
January 12, 2001 from 7-9 p.m.
Funeral Service was held in the
Chapel on Saturday afternoon,
January 13, 2001 at 2 o'clock. In-
terment Glamorgan Cemetery,
Gooderham. As expressions of
sympathy, donations to the chari-
ty of your choice would be appreci-
ated by the family. CA

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They never get lost,
And can never be given away.
To some you may be forgotten,
To others a part of the past,
But to us who loved and lost you,
Your memory will always last.
Lovingly remembered by **Jean and
family.**

710 LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All claims against the Estate of
Ronald Napier Shelley, late of the
Town of Norton, in the State of Vir-
ginia, United States of America, who
died on or about the 16th day of
April 1994, must be filed with the
undersigned Foreign Estate
Trustee's Nominee as Estate
Trustee Without a Will on or before
the 2nd day of March, 2001, after
which date the Estate will be dis-
tributed having regard only to the
claims of which the Executors then
shall have notice. Dated at Toron-
to, this 11th day of January, 2001.

710 LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICES

CONT'D...

Mary Anne Bueschkens, Foreign
Estate Trustee's Nominee as Es-
tate Trustee Without a Will of the
Estate of Ronald Napier Shelley,
Deceased.

By her solicitors: Heenan Blaikie,
P. O. Box 185, Suite 2600, South
Tower, Royal Bank Plaza, Toron-
to, Ontario, M5J 2J4. Attention:
Nicole Seguin. Phone: (416)
360-6336, Fax: (416) 360-8425.

712 CARDS OF THANKS

A BIG THANKS is overdue for all
the help over the last year with the
early arrival of our twin boys, John,
1 lb., 11 oz., and Matthew, 2 lbs., 5
oz., and the loss of John three days
later; the support of family and
friends while we spent two months
back and forth to Sick Kids and one
month to Peterborough, and their
continuing support. Thanks to the
doctors and staff at Haliburton,
Peterborough and Sick Kids for do-
ing a fine job. Also, to Carol Dewey
for the bears that stayed with the
boys in the hospital. To the Lions
Club for their aid and all those peo-
ple too numerous to mention. For
all the help and caring when our
family needed it most, thank you
all. **James and Carol Lawr and
family.**

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I WISH TO EXPRESS my deep gratitude and appreciation to all who helped Allan and I during his painful illness. Special thanks to Dr. Gammon for her sympathetic ear and great communication, Palliative Care angels for their constant vigil, Extencicare Haliburton staff for their tender loving care (his every request was granted), Haliburton Seniors Club who sent so many cards from beginning to end, West Guilford Line Dancers for their kind understanding, Highland Twirlers for their interest and cards, Maple Lake, Zion, and Minden United Church friends for their loyal support and prayers, numerous cards, phone calls, food, and flowers from friends, Rev. James Alsop and Rev. Peter Walford-Davis for visits and prayers, VON's daily cheerful visits, Family Access Centre Hospice and SIRCH committee, generous memorial contributions, Kathleen Owens for splendid organ music. Last, but not least, to Monk Funeral Home for their kindness and dignity in handling the funeral arrangements, and the Maple Lake UCW for their delicious lunch. I hope I didn't omit anyone. **Hazel Dorman and family.**

THE SUBWAY NOVICE 'A' HUSKIES wish to thank Easton's valu-mart, Don Finn, Claude Parish and John McLean, the Toronto Maple Leafs and Ottawa Senators, Parks IGA, Vince Duchene (Re/Max), Hill Chiropractic and Physiotherapy, Haliburton Soap Factory, Clarkson Plumbing, South Algonquin Trails, Woodland Ranch/Jay Yavis, Karen Frybort and the West Guilford Shopping Centre, who through their generous donations helped in making a successful tournament.

712 CARDS OF THANKS

WE WOULD LIKE to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our relatives, friends, neighbours, and the staff at Archie Stouffer and Stuart Baker Elementary Schools for all their support during the illness and loss of a wonderful husband, father and grandpa. Your expressions of care and concern shown through the floral arrangements, cards, gifts, donations of food, visits and phone calls will be always remembered. Thank you for the memorial donations made in Alvin's memory to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery, the Cancer Society and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Thank you to Barry and Kirsten from the Monk Funeral Home for their kindness and professionalism. A special thank you to Kirsten for looking after the memorial service and to Betty Hicks for reading Helen's tribute. A special thank you to the volunteer cancer drivers: Gerald Hicks, Ralph Mintz, Ron Barr and Ian Comrie, and to Marian Tallman for making all the arrangements. What an incredible service! Thank you to the ambulance drivers and the doctors and nurses at the Sunnybrook and Haliburton Hospitals for their wonderful care and support. A special thank you to Kim and Shelley for being there when we needed you, and to everyone who has continued to be there for us during this difficult time. **Helen Newton and family.**

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OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY celebration was a wonderful day. We wish to thank all who came to share the day with us, to make it so special: To our children, their spouses, our grandchildren, family and friends who helped in so many, many ways; To St. Anthony's C.W.L. Ladies who prepared, served the delicious lunch and refreshments; to all who sent cards, gifts, special messages and certificates; to Birch Point Lodge management and staff who provided an outstanding family dinner. We were thrilled and will remember, **Mary and Gord Pearsell.**

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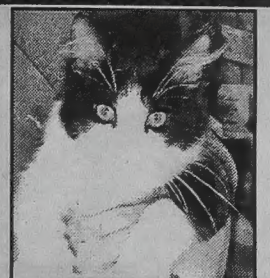
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Legion busy preparing for Robbie Burns night

The annual Robbie Burns Night Dinner will be held at the Wilberforce Legion on Saturday, January 20. There's always a good meal and pleasurable entertainment for those Scottish in genes and at heart.

It's good to have Bruce Gibbs recovering so cheerfully from a fall he had before Christmas. Things are mending and though he'll miss a vacation in warmer climates this winter he will hopefully be ready to hit the gardening with his usual enthusiasm come spring.

We wish Ethel Deterling improved health. She has been in the Haliburton Hospital for the past week.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Kathleen (Stoughton) Bates of Tory Hill who died last week. Mother of Ken of Tory Hill and Helen of Toronto, she was predeceased by her husband Herb. Funeral service was on Saturday, January 13. She will be sadly missed by family and friends especially the Monmouth Seniors.

With construction and reconstruction in full swing at the Township offices and the Lloyd Watson Centre here, there is a lot of dust, noise and clutter. Groups that regularly use the hall have finally had to find other temporary accommodation. The Monmouth Seniors are holding their weekly Tuesday luncheon meetings at

the nearby Curling Club. The Loop Trope, still reading plays and not sure when there will be a stage available, will be meeting elsewhere. For location of next Wednesday's meeting call Adele (448-2838) or Danny (448-2708).

For the first time in quite a while I noticed cats at the local dump, two handsome fellows which seemed rather tame and in reasonable condition. Surely there aren't people who would abandon pets to the dump especially in such wintry weather.

The Recreation Committee met Monday evening January 15 to carry on planning the Maple Festival (Easter Saturday) and C. Good Times.

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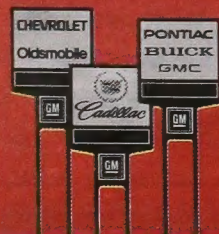
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• **CHACE Haliburton Resource Centre**, Halco Plaza, Lower Level. **Monday to Thursday** - activities, crafts and games are happening each week. For more info. call Abby or Wendy at 457-2989.

• **Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre** is holding a Creative Women's Circle on **every Thursday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** So come on out and enjoy an afternoon of discussion and crafts with other women. For more info. call 748-5901

• **Adult Skating** is now available at the Minden Arena on **Friday evenings** from 6 - 6:50. Pay as you go. Contact Joachim at 489-2020 for more info.

• Join the **Walking Club**, sponsored by the Heart and Stroke Foundation. In Minden, people can walk **week day mornings from 7:30 to 8:15** at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. For more info. call Morris Duff at 286-6079. In Haliburton, the **week day morning walks are from 7:15 to 8:15** at the high school. For more info. call Al Gostock at 457-3362 or Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf at 457-3756. "Be wise - exercise."

• **Scottish Country Dancers** meet **every Monday evening** at JD Hodgson School gym, 7:30 p.m. Beginners and singles welcome. Call 286-1218 or 447-2509.

• **Highland Sr. Citizens Club** meet **every Thursday**, at the Royal Canadian Legion at 12 o'clock. Price \$3.50 for lunch. All seniors welcome.

• **Highland Wood Carvers** meet **every Monday** at the Lochlin Community Centre, from 1 - 4 p.m. or 7 - 10 p.m. New members welcome. For more information please call 457-1966 or 286-2029.

• **Climax Climbing Club** - **Tuesday evenings** at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. Families: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. children and parents climb together; Youth: 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Drop-In Indoor Rock-Climbing. \$3. per person. Everyone welcome. Children under 13 yrs. must be accompanied by an adult. Parental permission required for youth under 18 yrs. For more information call Greg at Family Services at 457-5345.

• Join **Home Support** at 1 p.m. **every Monday** in the drop-in centre for cribbage. Additional info. 457-2941.

• The Haliburton Highlands Diabetes Education Network presents: **A Lifestyle Change Program, Live Well Every Day**, a weight management group for people with diabetes. For more information and a registration form, please call: 705-457-1392, Ext. 241.

• **Jan. 16:** The Haliburton/Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers will hold their Annual Meeting/Information Day on Tuesday, Jan. 16, in Bobcaygeon at the Cagoeon Lanes. Registration 9 a.m. with meeting at 10 a.m. Non-members are welcome. Day will include a tour of Martins' Sugar Camp. For further info. contact Bill at (705) 457-2176.

• **Jan. 18:** **Grief Support Group** for all bereaved, 2 - 4 p.m. in Lindsay. "Coping with Social Situations" will be our topic. For information call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811.

• **Jan. 18:** **50 Plus Club**, held at the Haliburton Legion, 4:30 p.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m., members \$5, guest \$7. Afterwards we will have a fun auction sale. Bring good used or new items you don't need. If coming please call Margaret Bull, 457-2124.

• **Jan. 18:** Visit **Toastmasters**, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Bobcaygeon Lions Hall. Practice Impromptu Speaking. Info: Betty 454-1591.

• **Jan. 20:** The **Annual General Meeting and Dinner of the Minden Agricultural Society**, sponsors of the Haliburton County Fair, at the Pepper Mill Restaurant Highway 35, north of Minden. Time: 6 p.m. drinks, 7 p.m. dinner. Cost: per person \$16:00. Contact Sue Eskelin x286-2996

• **Jan. 20:** Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums present **Robbie Burns Night**, 7:30 p.m., Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton. Entertainment by Haliburton Highlanders Pipes & Drums. Dance demonstrations, piping in the Haggis, address to the Haggis, buffet dinner with Haggis. Admission \$8 advance/\$10 at door per person. Tickets available at the Legion office.

• **Jan. 23:** **Taoist Tai Shi Course** - Free Introductory Session on learning Taoist Tai Chi - for health, flexibility, relaxation at 7 p.m., room 15 HHSS. 10-session course begins. Feb. 6, same time, same place, if minimum registration met. For info. call Logie Macdonnell, 457-5263.

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